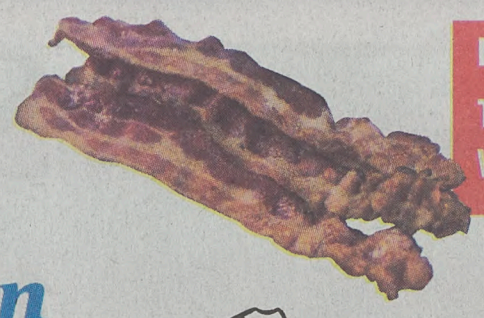


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Wilmington residents enjoyed a hay ride on Wilmington Common on Saturday evening during the annual "Lighting on the Common." (Photo by Maureen Brady)

Selectmen discuss 21st century communication

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON - Though Wilmington is a relatively small town and communicative technology advances by the day, there is still room for improvement in the way local offices reach out to residents. As such, at the Wilmington Board of Selectmen meeting on Nov. 27, the board discussed communication and engagement in town.

Selectman Greg Bendel began by outlining some of the ways the town currently communicates with residents. He referenced the town's new website, which provides residents with updates and general information. He also pointed out that residents can pay their bills online. This includes property taxes, RMV excise taxes, meter bills, and dog license bills.

Bendel also noted that the town has a Twitter page. Tweets are scheduled by the Town Manager's office. He was careful to point out, though, that residents who do not have a Twitter account or do not wish to get one need not fret.

"You don't have to have Twitter to see what the town is tweeting," Bendel said. "It's also on our website."

Town Manager Jeffrey Hull added that, for local occurrences which warrant an immediate or targeted communicative response, the town uses a system called Everbridge. Everbridge allows for large-scale communication to a particular part of town, such as with road construction or water main issues. This is a different system than that used by the schools. Residents must opt-in to receive these messages. This opt-in option is available on both the town website and the police department website.

Hull praised the willingness of offices throughout town to increase and improve communication with residents.

"I know we can make improvements, but I'm pleased to say that many departments are on top of this."

Finally, discussion turned to communication with the Board of Selectmen itself. Bendel mentioned the email option provided on the town website. Messages written will be sent to the entire board, in addition to the Town Manager. Bendel assured residents that they can count on a response from at least one selectman or the Town Manager in a reasonable amount of time.

"I would urge you," Bendel said, "if you have a question or a concern, reach out to your selectman."

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Special Town Meeting to discuss detox center, pot

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Nov. 13, 2017, all members of the Wilmington Board of Selectmen signed a warrant for a Special Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 10:30 a.m. This warrant contains five articles, each of which will be dicussed publicly and voted upon at this meeting.

Though there are five articles, all can be loosely categorized into two issues. The first issue is zoning as it pertains to a detox facility in Wilmington, the second is the sale of recreational marijuana within town limits. The placement of these issues in this warrant was discussed and voted upon at the Board of Selectmen meeting on Nov. 6, 2017, which took place in the Town Hall auditorium.

Both issues have also been discussed in even greater detail at previous board meetings.

The first two articles on the warrant are the primary business of this Special Town Meeting, and the issue to which they pertain has engendered a passionate response among many residents. At a Board of Selectmen meeting on Sept. 25, 2017, David Ray, Paul Kneeland, and Michael Caira gave a presentation on an agency planning to place a detox facility on Middlesex Avenue in North Wilmington.

A group of abutters and neighbors took issue with this proposal, citing the questionable saliency of the statistics presented by

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Wilmington Police Dept. renews accreditation

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Police Department achieved its third renewal of accreditation on Thursday, Oct. 12. The accreditation was unanimous.

According to Wilmington Chief of Police Michael Begonis, Wilmington was the 39th department in the state to achieve this benchmark. As of this fall, there are 75 accredited departments in Massachusetts.

Chief Begonis explained that police department culture is integral to this achievement. The entire department is involved in the process, and must commit to certain policies in writing.

Begonis explained that this allows for an "even-handed application" of the policies agreed upon, as well as providing an independent means for an outside agency to "... check on what we do, and how we do it."

Begonis argued that the implementation of policies in this way both minimizes the town's and the police department's exposure to

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Town looking at changes to harassment training policy

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — With sexual harassment cases flooding in around all kinds of elected officials in today's news, Town Manager Jeff Hull revealed that town government employees and elected officials have not had sexual harassment training from the town recently.

"We've had some in the past for personnel... I don't know off hand the last time it was done," he explained.

The last training went over Wilmington's sexual harassment policy.

"Essentially reviewing with them the policy and the distinctions between the types of harassment that constitute sexual harassment," Hull shared. "It's important that we make sure everyone is well aware of what is acceptable and unacceptable... we want to make sure folks understand what the boundaries are."

He believed that it is necessary to remind and to inform town officials to be mindful of the people and the public around them.

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Sights of the season





▲John Arvanitis was busy decorating wreaths at the United Methodist Church on Saturday. Proceeds from the tree and wreath sales help fund various charities including Habitat For Humanity.

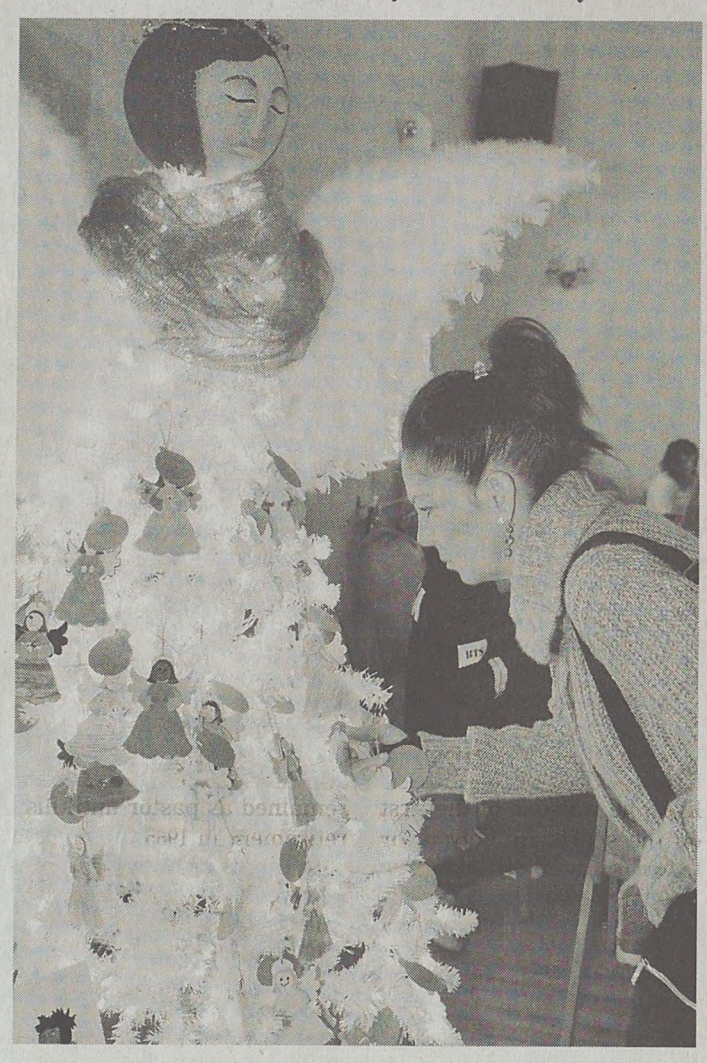
► Brooke Newhouse, age 7, enjoyed a carousel ride during Wilmington's annual "Lighting on the Common" on Saturday evening.

(Photos by Maureen Brady)



▲Wilmington Pop Warner Cheerleader Julia Campbell volunteered at the WOW Festival of the Trees held at Villa Nova Hall this past weekend.

► Justine Serbian took a few names off the "Angel Tree" to help those in need this Christmas. The tree was on display at the WOW annual Festival of Trees this past weekend.





Joseph Mytych, age 8, put his tickets in the bucket to win the Willie Wonka tree decorated with candy at the Festival of Trees.

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Johnston returns following intensive research project

WORCESTER — Caroline Johnston of Wilmington, a member of the class of 2019 majoring in mathematical sciences at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense, hands-on research project in Moscow.

The project was titled Weather Derivatives in Russia. In their project summary, the students wrote, "This project proposes the use of weather derivatives, a type of financial instrument with a payout based on weather conditions, as a method for Russian farmers to hedge against daily temperature fluctuations."

At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to addresses an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of students complete a project at one of the university's 40-plus off-campus project centers, which are located around the world.

A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to develop thoughtful solutions to real problems that affect the quality of people's lives-and make a difference before they graduate.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge to solve real problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, interim dean of the WPI Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture, from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat-all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Founded in 1865 in Worcester, Mass., WPI is one of the nation's first engineering and technology universities. Its 14 academic departments offer more than 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts, leading to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

WPI's talented faculty work with students on interdisciplinary research that seeks solutions to important and socially relevant problems in fields as diverse as the life sciences and bioengineering, energy, information security, materials processing, and robotics.

Students also have the opportunity to make a difference to communities and organizations around the world through the university's innovative Global Projects Program. There are more than 40 WPI project centers throughout the Americas, Africa, Asia-Pacific, and Europe.

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It's Your Money

by Todd Brisbois



EMPLOYEE BUSINESS EXPENSES

Taxpayers who pay work-related expenses out of their own pocket may be able to deduct them. Generally, employee business expenses are deductible if they are more than two percent of adjusted gross income. In most cases, they go on IRS Schedule A, Itemized Deductions.

Other key points about employee business expenses:

They must be Ordinary and Necessary: People can only deduct unreimbursed expenses that are ordinary and necessary to their work as an employee. An ordinary expense is one that is common and accepted in the industry. A necessary expense is appropriate and helpful to a business.

Expense Examples: Some potentially deductible costs include: required work clothes or uniforms not appropriate for everyday use; supplies and tools for use on the job; business use of a car; business meals and entertainment; business travel away from home; business use of a home; work-related education.

This list is not all-inclusive. Special rules apply for reimbursed expenses by an employer. IRS Publication 529, Miscellaneous Deductions, and Publication 463, Travel, Entertainment, Gift and Car Expenses, provide more details.

Forms to Use: In most cases, expenses are reported using Form 2106 or Form 2106-EZ. IRS Schedule A may also be used.

Educator Expenses: K-12 teachers may be able to deduct up to $250 of certain expenses paid in 2017. These may include books, supplies, equipment and other materials used in the classroom. They are an adjustment to income rather than an itemized deduction. In other words, people do not need to itemize to claim them. IRS Publication 529 has more.

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WCTV news and notes

By SHAUN NEVILLE
WCTV Executive Director

WCTV is once again bringing you the school system's Winter Concert Series LIVE on our channels, through our website and streaming through Facebook.

The first concert was this past Tuesday, featuring singing groups from the Middle School and high school. Watch that show on-demand at *WCTV.org* or on our Education Channel (Verizon 39/ Comcast 99). The remaining four concerts are coming up: Dec. 7, 11, 14 and 19. All shows start at 7 p.m. from Wilmington High School.

Grandparents or other family members who are out of town can watch the shows on our website, *wctv.org* or through a live stream set up each night on our Facebook page.

We hope you enjoy the concerts and look forward to re-airing them for the next month on WCTV!

New Programs:

These air on one of WCTV's 3 television stations (Public: Comcast 9/Verizon 37 - Government: Comcast 22/Verizon 38 - Education: Comcast 99/Verizon 39). You can also watch them at *WCTV.org*.

- **MIAA Awards (WCTV Education):** Four WHS fall sports teams were honored by the state for their work on and off the field.
- **Book Stew (WCTV Public):** Host Eileen MacDougall skypes with Renaissance Woman Marcia Butler, author of The Skin Above My Knee, oboeist and interior designer.
- **Breakfast with Santa (WCTV Public):** The annual gathering at the Knights of Columbus hall is now available to view.
- **Breakfast with Mrs. Claus (WCTV Public):** Did you know she was in town this week as well??
- **Finance Committee/Planning Board Joint Meeting (WCTV Government):** Last week's meeting included an explanation of the warrant articles up for debate at next week's special town meeting.

Upcoming Live:

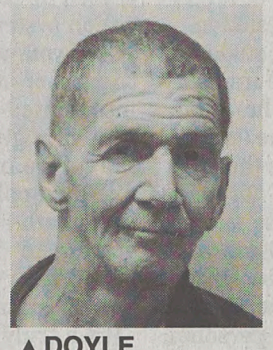
- **Winter Concert Series (WCTV Education):** See all five winter concerts from the high school LIVE on WCTV and through our Facebook page. Dec. 5, 7, 11, 14 and 19.
- **Dec. 11, 7 p.m. - Board of Selectmen** (WCTV Government)
- **Dec. 13, 7 p.m. - School Committee** (WCTV Government)
- **Dec. 20, 7 p.m. - Board of Appeals** (WCTV Government)

Check out *WCTV.org* for more information on when programs will be televised and how you can get involved at your community television station. Membership is free and there's no time commitment.

Produce a show, help in studio or cover a community event that you care about! We're here to make the process as simple as possible.

Car break suspect arrested

TEWKSBURY — On Dec. 4, 2017 the Tewksbury Police Department arrested Edward Doyle, 58, homeless, for five counts of breaking into a motor vehicle, larceny over $250 and larceny under $250.



▲DOYLE

Officers noticed Doyle walking at the corner of Rogers Street and Whipple Road at 2:16 a.m. When they approached him and conducted an inquiry they were able to uncover that several motor vehicles were broken into on Pike Street and Rogers Street prior to anyone noticing. Some of the items taken were a cell phone and money. He gained access through unlocked vehicles.

Doyle is due to be arraigned on Dec. 4, 2017 at Lowell District Court.

The Tewksbury Police Department urges any citizens who suspect criminal activity to call the Dispatch Center at 978-851-7373. If you wish to remain anonymous please call the Tip Line at 978-851-0175 or send an email to *tewks_detectives@tewksbury-ma.gov.*

North Woburn to Wilmington

Mountain Street traffic becoming an issue

By STAFF REPORT

WOBURN — The reconstruction of the tiny Butters Row Bridge in Wilmington has brought attention to a traffic condition on Mountain Street in North Woburn.

At the last meeting of the Woburn Traffic Commission, several complaints were aired on the increase in traffic by individuals who use Mountain Street to get to Wilmington rather than the busy Main Street that goes in the same direction.

On the request for a truck restriction and restricted hours of travel on Mountain Street, Chairman Joanne Campbell noted that six photographs and a petition signed by 22 neighbors in support of the petition was filed.

The entire issue was "tabled" until the Dec. 14 meeting.

At the meeting, Woburn Police Chief Robert Ferullo stated that he met with the Wilmington Fire Chief concerning the matter and the Butters Row Bridge in Wilmington has been restricted or closed due to major construction. Much of the traffic on Mountain Street has been a result of the traffic in Wilmington being unable to get to Main Street and the bridge project is two weeks behind schedule. The bridge project is expected to be completed by mid-December 2017.

Appearing at the Traffic Commission meeting was Michael Dionne, 64 Mountain St. in No. Woburn who stated the Butters Row Bridge is not of a size to accommodate tractor trailer trucks and the traffic issue existed before the bridge was closed. He said he does not believe that the bridge issue is the only cause of the increased traffic, that there were "Do Not Enter" signs posted at both ends of the street in the 1980s which helped the situation, over 400 cars an hour travel on Mountain Street during the rush hour, the street is only 16 feet wide, and there are no sidewalks along the street.

Another person at the meeting, Karen Dionne, 64 Mountain St. stated there has been police enforcement on the street, and the speed limit is 25 m.p.h. but most drivers do not abide by the speed limit.

Michael Dionne also stated a truck restriction is needed on the street not due to the number of trucks but due to the condition of the roadway. He also pointed out the road is only 16 feet wide and the roadway surface is extensively patched.

Karen Dionne stated that children are not allowed to walk along the street because of the unsafe conditions, that cars were recently queued from Winter Street down Mountain Street to Main Street, other streets in the area have sidewalks and the roads are wider.

Police Chief Ferullo, who is also a Traffic Commissioner, also stated that he has no objection but the restrictions would impact all drivers, there cannot be an exception for residents who live on the street, and there also would have to be a determination of where the traffic will go as an alternate route.

Signs removed

Michael Dionne also said to the Traffic Commission that he wants to know why the traffic travel restriction signs were removed. Commissioner Lindsay Higgins noted the travel restriction was not in the Traffic Code. Campbell also stated that many signs were placed without an ordinance allowing the sign.

Commissioner Peter Socorelis also stated a truck restriction cannot restrict delivery trucks, oil trucks and at least one of the trucks in the photographs goes to a site at the end of the road every 10 days to remove sludge.

Commissioner Tina Cassidy, the city's Planning Director, stated the matter could be tabled to the next meeting to allow the Traffic Safety Officer and City Engineer to provide traffic study information relative to other alternate routes of travel.

Campbell felt because of GPS programs, many side streets are becoming more active, and closing one street to travel pushes the traffic to another street. Ferullo confirmed the GPS apps are driving traffic to side streets in the city.

Campbell stated she cannot see why a no trucking restriction would not be allowed on Mountain Street and Ferullo added the commission could look at a "No Through Traffic" restriction on the street.

Campbell also pointed out Mountain Street is a narrow street. A trucking restriction would be appropriate and these issues can be discussed with the Superintendent of Public Works and the City Engineer.

Ferullo also pointed out any signs would have to be coordinated with Townsend Street and Kearsarge Avenue.

In turn, a motion was made and seconded that the matter be laid on the table to the Dec. 14 meeting on a 6-0 vote.

History:

Father Shea was the 'hero priest' at Cocoanut Grove fire

By LARZ F. NEILSON

"A witty and lovable Irish priest," was how Mrs. Stanley Cummings described the Rev. Albert J. Shea, pastor of St. Thomas Church in Wilmington in the early 1950s.

She knew whereof she spoke. Her husband was the pastor of the Wilmington Congregational Church.

Father Shea arrived in Wilmington in January 1951. Wilmington had long been a town in which differences of religion had been unimportant, but there was a noticeable difference at that time. (Then) Archbishop Richard Cushing sent his classmate to Wilmington as a parish priest.

He arrived in town on a Wednesday. That evening he went to the Methodist Church and knocked on the Thurston Street entrance. A church party, not a religious event, was in progress and Father Shea was welcome.

He was a person who could circulate freely among residents who were not communicants of St. Thomas. Wherever he went, he was welcome, for the very reasons described by Mrs. Cummings.

It was in some respects a difficult time. A recent influx of new residents had brought with them the differences of religion which were being expressed at time. The good nature and humor of the priest were welcomed by all.

He spent most of his career at St. James in Boston, first as an assistant for 25 years, until 1946.

At the time of the Cocoanut Grove fire in Boston in 1942, where 492 people lost their lives, he was one of the first on the scene. He stayed for two days, administering the last rites and comforting the living. Newspapers at the time hailed him as the "hero priest."

In 1946, he was appointed as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Kingston. Then in 1951, he became pastor of St. Thomas in Wilmington.

On Feb. 28, 1954, Father Shea was at the Sheraton Hotel in Boston for a meeting of the National Council of Catholic Men and Women. (Then) Archbishop Richard Cushing rose to speak, but prefaced his remarks, saying, "I understand that Rev. Albert Shea of St. Thomas Church in Wilmington is here. I regret to tell him that his church is on fire. He had better hurry home."

Father Shea embarked on what seemed like the longest ride he ever took, worried that someone might be injured. He said the trip was one continual prayer.

Nobody was injured, although Fr. Edmund Croke was treated for smoke inhalation after making repeated attempts to rescue the sacraments from the alter.

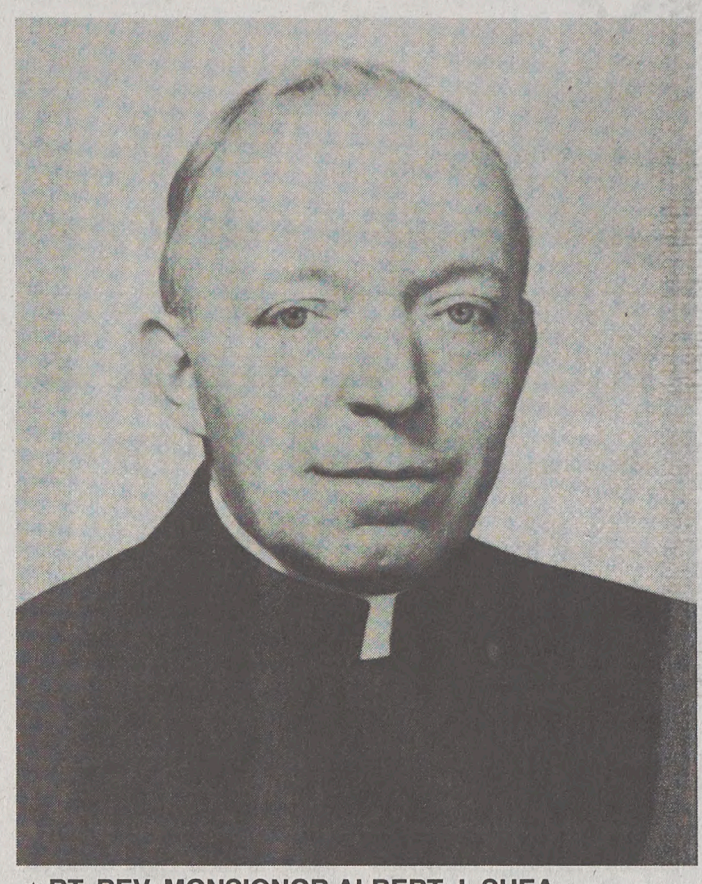
Fire Chief Art Boudreau and firefighter Billy Nee were able to save the sacraments.

The church sustained about $35,000 damage. Masses were held at Villanova Hall, the old church, and at Grange Hall. Rev. Cummings offered the use of the Congregational Church, and Rev. Richard Harding extended a similar offer for the Methodist Church.

The church was repaired and reopened. Six years later, a new St. Thomas Church was built. The old church was sold to the town and torn down in 1968. Today, the Wilmington Memorial Library is on that site.

In June 1954, Father Shea was transferred back to St. James in Boston, where he remained as pastor until his retirement in 1965.

18 months later, he received the title of Monsignor, as he was made a Domestic Prelate by Pope Pius XII. Also designated as a Domestic Prelate at that time was Rev. Andrew J. White of Somerville, who had been the pastor of St. Thomas Church from 1936 to 1942.



▲RT. REV. MONSIGNOR ALBERT J. SHEA
(Courtesy photo)

The Right Rev. Monsignor Albert Shea died on Oct. 18, 1966.

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For years, "Business as Usual" in the Town of Wilmington has put the interest of developers and the "connected few" before the well-being of hard working, tax paying citizens. Sad to say the reason for this is that we let it happen. Our own apathy has become our worst enemy and the best friend of those who profit from our indifference. We have the power to change that. We want a town government that has the best interest of its citizens as its first priority. The Concerned Citizens coalition is committed to this goal. Please join us in the first step effort to ***"Take Back our Town"*** using the democratic process we are blessed with.

Please make every effort to attend the special town meeting as a first step in taking back our town:

When: Saturday December 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Wilmington High School Auditorium

Why: To rezone medical facilities, including drug detox facilities from opening in residential neighborhoods.

Article II:

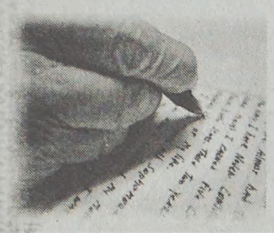
If you are in favor of rezoning medical facilities, including drug detox facilities, so they are NOT built and operated in neighborhoods, **vote Yes on Article II.**

On November 30, 2017 at the Wilmington Planning Board and Finance Committee joint hearing, the Wilmington town counsel stated that **"If the special town meeting approves article 2 with a two thirds majority vote, more than likely the state's attorney general will approve the article."**

Wilmington families first, Wilmington neighborhoods forever.

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OPINION



Letter to the editor

Vote yes on article 2 at Special Town Meeting

Dear editor,

This was no surprise by any stretch of the imagination. We knew full well that Mr. Kneeland and Mr. Caira could secure their rights by submitting their plan of the drug detox facility located at 362 Middlesex Ave. to the Wilmington Planning Board even as the Concerned Citizens of Wilmington were petitioning the town for this upcoming Special Town Meeting to address the whole town's concern of a drug detox facility being located directly in your neighborhood with the existing zoning bylaws.

By Mr. Kneeland and Mr. Caira doing this on Monday, Nov. 27, 2017 during the same week of the public hearing on Thursday Nov. 30, 2017, they did a little razzle dazzle business trick and are trying to project the idea to the people that its all over and the Special Town Meeting will be a waste of time and money.

At that very moment during the joint meeting of the Wilmington Planning Board and Finance Committee on Thursday when it was revealed that Mr. Kneeland and Mr. Caira submitted their plan, a member of the very group that is for the Special Town Meeting to change the bylaw said, "Well, I guess this is a done deal. It's over and this is a waste of money going to the Special Town Meeting."

Simply put, that's the strategic political move that Mr. Kneeland and Mr. Caira want the residents to believe.

Newsflash: It's not over. Mr. Kneeland and Mr. Caira still have to go through the process and go to the Wilmington Planning Board then to the Wilmington Board of Appeals to secure a special permit to open and operate and a drug detox facility. This process is not new to Mr. Kneeland and Mr. Caira because when Mr. Caira and Mr. Michael Newhouse represented Global before the Wilmington Board of Appeals this past summer, the Group of Wilmington Families First fought Mr. Newhouse and Mr. Caira every step of the way.

Guess what? The Wilmington Families First, like the new group of Concerned Citizens of Wilmington won! At least Global understood and cared about the concerns of the neighbors and pulled out of the process because that's what the residents demanded and Global made the final decision to withdraw from the Board of Appeals.

Not Mr. Kneeland. It's all about the money because there is more money to be made on that site constructing a private drug detox facility than putting a Dunkin Donuts or yes, even another Global gas station.

There is a small group of foolish individuals on Facebook who are trying to brainwash the citizens of this town by saying "It's over. It's a waste of money to be spent on Special Town Meeting."

These are the same handful of individuals who support a drug detox facility to be located in your neighborhoods no matter the impact, which is their right to do so. But it's not over. Additionally, Mr. Kneeland and Mr. Caira want you to buy into the con.

Believe me, people of this town are a lot smarter than they're given credit for. So Wilmington Families First of South Wilmington meet the Concerned Citizens of North Wilmington. We need families in north, south, east and west Wilmington to go to the Special Town Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Wilmington High School auditorium to support and vote Yes to Article 2 and to protect all of Wilmington's neighborhoods.

The cost of this special town meeting is not $7,000 or $8,000 that is being stated today by a few people on Facebook. According to updated town figures, including time and a half, for the Town Meeting to take place on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, it is $2,750 and breaks down to each of the approximately 8,000 homes in Wilmington, to be a cost of only .34 cents and to the town's population of roughly 24,000 people, the cost is .12 cents per person.

During the Planning Board and Finance Committee public hearing, a question from a member of the Finance Committee asked Town Counsel what was his opinion of articles 1 and 2. Town Counsel stated that article 1 would probably be rejected by the attorney general. Relative to article 2, Town Counsel stated that if the Town Meeting approves the article with the required two thirds majority vote, more than likely article 2 will be approved by the attorney general's office.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to approve article 2. The Wilmington Planning Board voted 3 to 2 to recommend disapproval of article 2. Article 2 is clearly the better article of the two being presented.

The final decision, whether you support drug detox facilities in neighborhoods or not is the sole decision of you, the Wilmington voter at the Special Town Meeting. If you want to allow drug detox facilities to be built and operated in neighborhoods, vote No on article 2. If you do not want drug detox facilities built and operating in your neighborhoods, vote Yes on article 2.

Either way, come to the Special Town Meeting and let your voice be heard loud and clear.

Wilmington Selectman
Michael McCoy

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TMHS' brand new opportunity for seniors

By MATT FRONDUTO
TMHS Correspondent

If you are a senior at any high school, then you know how difficult it can be to decide what your future will hold. Luckily, in the spring of 2018, the administration at TMHS is giving its seniors the ability to grab a sneak peek! Allow me to introduce you to Tewksbury High's 2018 brand new Senior Project: a program which aims to allow graduating seniors to find themselves and their interests through a series of internships, research projects, and more.

The project begins April 23, 2018 and runs through May 21, and during that period, students who sign up for the Senior Project will be given the opportunity to either secure an externship with a local business, create a research paper or project in an area of personal interest, or take part in a form of community service.

After taking part in one of these activities, senior students will ideally have a less foggy view for their future, as the events will help narrow down possible career choices for students who may be having trouble doing so.

The Senior Project is quite a rare experience, as rarely does a school provide resources for students to entirely immerse themselves for one month in a career they may be interested in.

For participating students, grades would close immediately prior to the commencement of the month long event, as once the project begins, they are no longer obligated to attend any non-AP classes, and they will instead be tasked with cataloging the experience through a personal journal, timesheet, and various writing assignments.

But most of all, the Senior Project is essentially a chance for students to experience a demo of the real world, while they still stay enrolled in school, which is virtually unprecedented in Tewksbury's education system.

So if you, your child, your friend, or anyone else is intimidated by the prospect of figuring out what the future holds, then submit an application during the month of January, and go talk to Ms. Gordon or Mr. O'Leary if you have any questions.

It's a truly unique experience, and participation is a privilege that no other grade has had the ability to experience, so make the most of it!



(Photo by Matt Fronduto)

What students need and early childhood ed. findings

By PAUL J. ANDREWS
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Chairman of the Board of Winchester Hospital

Project Alliance at District Attorney's Office

Don't you love some of the commercials on television these days which can really beat the tragic and crazy news that appears on television? A couple of ones that I think are very clever are the McDonald's and Allstate commercials and I have no financial interests in either.

The McDonalds piece shows apparently a boss coming in with a letter that he hands to an employee, who opens the envelope in front of the other burger store employees, announcing that he has been accepted to college to the great delight of all with a hidden intent (I am sure) that someone with a work history with McDonald's can reach college, which I hope to be true.

The second commercial is the Allstate Insurance piece, showing you an incredible happening, whether it be a car into a pool or some other type event, with the agent then commenting, "we know this can happen and we handled it." These and many others give you a laugh as well as some thinking which is really their intent. For me some of the commercials beat the news.

What students need

"Helping students to embrace their identity, build transferable skills such as critical thinking and-problem solving, and falling in love with learning should be our central aims in education," said veteran researcher and educator Richard Milner. This is such an important statement for all of us to comprehend in an age where factual concepts are at your fingertips in having google give you the computerized answers in minutes but the real truth is that research, reading comprehension, critical-thinking and problem-solving are the real skills and so much more important but also much harder to teach.

Today's teachers work at this process of combining factual content with the above issues, which is really not simple as that is not the way many educators were trained, while many others have felt this for a long period time working with our young and not so young students.

One of my favorite writers, David Brooks, has commented, "online is a place for human contact not intimacy. Online is a place for information but not reflection. Online is a place for exploration but discourages cohesion."

Brooks comments later that the high tech companies are in danger of becoming "social pariahs" like the tobacco industry, which makes billions "peddling a destructive addiction."

Brooks adds, "social media promises an end to loneliness but actually produces an increase in solitude and an intense awareness of social exclusion."

Brooks makes a strong pitch for people to get off line and build relationships with good solid friends and/or employees and not spend your day looking at a computer screen which is so very true. As a matter of fact, I am in offices most days of the week and all you see are good people working on their computers, which has to drive anyone to distraction (as the great Jesuit's would call it).

While I am a big supporter in computer science or technology for all of our your people, our need as well, is to build relationship skills for our students and find the time for ourselves to get away from the computer screen to act human again.

Early childhood education benefits

22 studies from 1960-2016 have revealed some interesting data about Early Childhood Education in a report, recently released by Dana Charles McCoy of Harvard University on behalf of eight colleagues as they found that children who participate in early childhood education programs show statistically significant reductions in special education placement, reductions in grade retention and increases in high school graduation.

A look at this data is huge if we examine these clear findings in terms of saving school districts large sums of their budgets with early childhood programs as part of their education offerings, subject to space and other factors. Again, just think of how important this research is to all parents and local city and town officials in Town Crier land.

JUST A NOTE: My thanks for you taking a few minutes of your precious time to read this column and feel free to contact me at andrews@massupt.org

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A miracle Christmas Tree for a family in need

By BRENT CLARK

I used to visit my friend Jimmy quite often. He was a Vietnam veteran who suffered from Agent Orange poisoning. He lived in the city with his wife and four kids. Because of his illness, a few of us guys built him a "bubble" room in the second floor apartment they lived in.

Jimmy spent most of his life living in that bubble. It was kept cool, clean, and dark except for the light coming from a few computer screens. Jimmy loved computers, bibles, and books. They were always piled up everywhere.

I loved to visit and learn from him as I listened to him tell stories about the war, life, and God. He could talk for two hours straight without blinking an eye. And I sat there and soaked it all up.

It was a week before Christmas on this certain day when I bounded up the tenement stairs to visit my friend. I was full of the Christmas spirit and was feeling so blessed as I burst into the old apartment. I have always celebrated Christmas with great joy in my heart. Gifts and stuff like that were not important to me. I just had a feeling of well being around that holiday.

As I entered my friends' apartment — I noticed — with some dismay, that there were no decorations, or a Christmas tree to be found.

On this particular day my friend talked about computers. Before he became sick he was in high demand as a trouble shooting computer geek. Many high tech computer companies used his services to fix their problems. He was a big time earner, back in the old days and loved to talk about great projects he worked on.

He also talked at some length about Gods' provision for him and his family. Though he couldn't work — God was paying for the family rent, monthly living expenses, and groceries. All these were paid for in miraculous ways such as a small bag of money left in front of his door, a check from someone in our church, or, our church itself sending him an occasional check.

I was so happy about God and how generous He was to this family that I had grown to love over time.

That day, as I was leaving my friends bubble room — his wife Patty was coming through the front door with a bunch of kids. I said "Hi" to her and couldn't help but ask her where her Christmas tree was. She began to cry. I felt kind of goofy as I asked her what was wrong. She said that there was no tree and no presents for the kids this year because they couldn't afford it. Needless to say I was surprised to hear her say that when my friend had just told me how God was providing for everything they needed.

I felt so bad for her that I blurted out, "don't worry — I'll get you a tree — don't cry — you'll see!"

When I went outside — I shoved my hands into my pockets to see how much money I had. I had three dollars — only three dollars. Quite honestly, I didn't have much money lately. I was working in construction at the time and winters were always slow and we were low on money, especially this winter.

"Oh boy!" I said to myself as I kicked around my old pick-up truck. "I don't know how I am going to get a tree with only three bucks!" I prayed — as I literally hung onto my truck with my foot up on the back bumper. I wondered what to do.

As I was standing there — a truck pulled up and parked across the street with a Christmas tree in back. I looked over and said, "Hi, where did you get the tree?" And then I proceeded to blurt out my whole situation. Promised tree — not much time — not much money — praying for a miracle — and so on.

As the guy stood there listening to me with his mouth open in amazement at my story, he began to smile.

"I know where you can get a tree," he said. "I have been selling Christmas trees and just finished up for the season. If you go down to such and such a place, you can hop the fence and you will find four or five left over trees lying around. You can have one for free!"

I was totally amazed at the timing of this whole connection. Things like that happen to me sometimes. I seem to be hanging around or stalling while things are being arranged for me to bring solution to whatever I am dealing with.

And so I went and hopped the fence. Within a couple of hours I was dragging a big old Christmas tree up the stairs and through the front door. The kids came running and yelling in happiness to have such a tree. I was singing "Joy to The World" as I set the tree up for them.

When I was leaving, Patty and the kids were decorating the tree at a frantic pace, with expressions like — "hey-look at this one" and "I remember this ornament" and so on.

"Oh!" I yelled out to Patty. "Don't worry about Christmas presents for the kids — I'm sure God will take care of it!"

I was very excited and animated as I told my wife Kathi the whole story when I got home. She immediately told me she could take care of the presents for the kids. What a joy to my ears as she called several lady friends and asked for presents and food for a family in need.

Three days later, I bounded up the stairs again with huge bags of Christmas gifts, stockings, and food for the whole family.

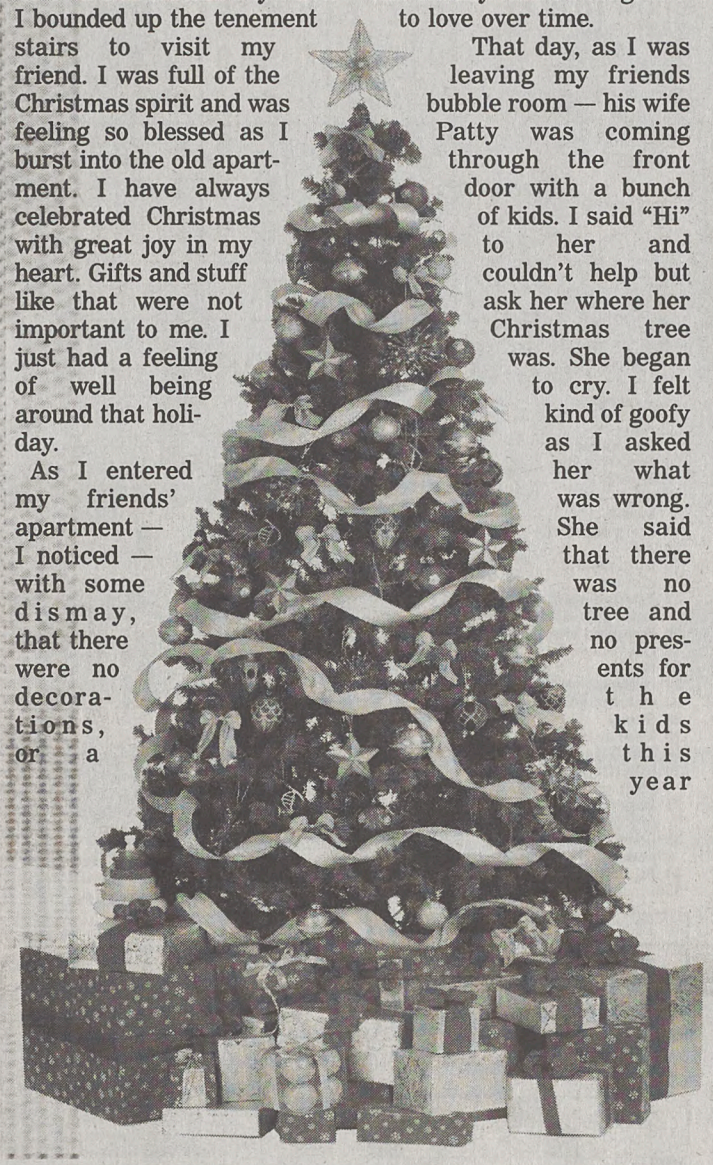
Even as Christmas came to my own house that year I was so thankful for the chance to give so much joy and happiness to my friends' family.

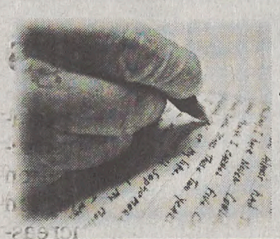
That's the story of the miracle Christmas tree I will never forget. As the winter went on, we and many others continued to bless that small family with food and clothes and things they needed.

Sadly, my friend Jimmy died within that same year. We lost touch with Patty and the kids when they moved away to be with Patty's family sometime later.

I always remember this story at Christmas time and I am always thankful that God's provision used us to bring Christmas to a family who needed one.

Merry Christmas to you and all your people this season!





Letter to the editor

A big thank you from We're One Wilmington and Festival of Trees Committee

Dear editor,

The Festival of Trees, which took place this weekend, requires countless hours of planning and execution. There are literally more than 100 people involved in helping us pull it off. The positive energy, enthusiasm, talent and dedication is felt by every visitor who walks in the door. Something amazing happens when you are able to get so many to work together toward a common good.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to our set-up and clean-up crews, bakers, donors, entertainers, WOW members, community and HS volunteers, local businesses, Mrs. Claus, non-profit vendors, the electrician who saved us when the lights went out and everyone who made the Festival of Trees possible.

An extra special thank you to St. Thomas of Villanova Church for allowing us to use the space and for embracing the commotion it causes without complaint... we are blessed to receive your generosity.

The Festival is brought to life by the big hearts, creativity and thoughtfulness of our donors. Those of us who organize the Festival particularly love the stories of the donations. Sometimes it is a simple table donation made by a very busy mom who — despite the stress and craziness of her life — makes it happen when most of us would say "not this year."

It's that of a family that received WOW's generosity years ago and is now paying it forward. It is the celebration and memory of a life well lived lovingly captured through the decorations and carefully selected gifts under a tree. It's the multitude of seniors, children, friends and families, enjoying each other's company while making ornaments together. It's the donor who steps up their donation every year in the hopes to receive an award ribbon.

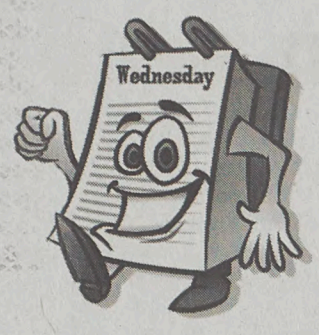
The compilation of these stories is what you see when you walk into the hall and they are what makes this event magical.

Ultimately, the Festival is WOW's largest fundraiser and is what enables us to do countless acts of kindness in our wonderful town each year. Every person who attended and bought a raffle ticket or bake sale item should know that they have helped to put a gift under someone's tree, feed a hungry family, put clothes on a homeless child (yes, we have them in Wilmington, too), assisted in a college tuition scholarship, put a care package in the hands of someone who needs a reason to smile... and so much more! This town is special and no thank you will ever be big enough to convey our gratitude.

With best wishes for a wonderful holiday season,

We're One Wilmington
Board of Directors
and the Festival of Trees
Committee

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Community Calendar

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Wilmington Calendar:

Sons of Italy Christmas Party Musical Extravaganza

Sons of Italy Christmas Party Musical Extravaganza
Friday, December 29
Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks, 777 South Street in Tewksbury

Cocktails at 6:00 and a catered sit-down meal of surf and turf with all the trimmings catered by Mr. Jack's served at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be followed by a Musical Christmas Show at 8:30 featuring Bova Productions. There will also be an optional $10 scratch ticket swap during intermission. Cost is $50 per person. For tickets contact Michele Caira Nortonen at 978.604.6437 or John Romano at *jromano45@gmail.com*.

Annual Comedy Night
Friday, February 2, 2018
Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks, 777 South Street in Tewksbury

The Wilmington Sons of Italy and Wilmington Band Parents announce their Annual Comedy Night, featuring Headliner Orlando Baxter, Juston McKinney and Chris D. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. and show starts at 9:00 p.m. The donation is $20. Bring your own goodies for the table. Raffles and Silent Auction proceeds are to benefit the scholarship funds of both organizations. For tickets, call Kevin Caira at 978-657-7734.

Safety seat installation
Every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Public Safety Building, 1 Adelaide Street

The Wilmington Police Department offers safety seat installs at the Wilmington Public Safety Building (1 Adelaide St.) every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead at 978-658-5071 is recommended.

Knights of Columbus Cribbage
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Wilmington Knights of Columbus

The Wilmington Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting weekly cribbage matches. Games will be held on Monday nights throughout the fall, winter and spring starting on Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. The games are held in the member's lounge located in the lower level of the building and access is through the rear door. Admission is $5 with most of that being returned to the first and second place finishers each week. This is an adult activity open to the readership of this newspaper as well as brother knights. The games are friendly head to head competitions and all skill levels are welcome. Adult beverages are available and the club has wide screen TVs to keep track of your favorite teams. For more information, please call Bob at 978-851-4985.

Wilmington Sons of Italy Junior Lodge
Fourth of July Building

Children ages 10-18 are eligible to join the Sons of Italy Junior Lodge, a local charitable organization. Applicants do not need to be Italian. Members of the lodge participate in numerous fundraisers and other events. The Junior Lodge has frequent community service events and several leadership positions available each year. Dues are $10 per person for the year.

Tewksbury Calendar:

Habitat Lowell - Holiday Dine Around raffle

Free Family Day at Stamp Museum

Visit the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History on Saturday December 9 from 11:00AM-3:00PM in Weston, MA. Make holiday gifts with stamps, design holiday cards and envelopes with free postage, make mosaics and more. Letters to Santa will be collected and mailed and Santa will answer them! Refreshments and free stamp packets for all! *www.spellmanmuseum.org*

Habitat Lowell - Holiday Dine Around Raffle: Dine Out Every Month for a Year!

Win a basket of gift certificates for fine dining at some of our favorite restaurants in Northern Middlesex County.

Habitat Lowell has put together a special holiday raffle to tantalize your taste buds!

Donated gift cards included in the raffle (valued at $420) are from: 99 Restaurant, Capellinis, Cheesecake Factory, Evviva Cucina, Flatbread Company,

Good Thymes (2), Helen's, Moonstones, Sorentos Italian Gourmet, Tavern in the Square, Venetian Moon.

Raffle tickets are only $10 or 3 for $25, hardly the cost of 12 meals. Tickets are available until December 21st online at *http://bit.ly/dinearoundraffle2017*... OR... at Habitat Lowell, 124 Main St, in Westford during regular business hours.

One lucky winner will get the opportunity to dine at some popular hot spots — drawing will take place on Dec 22nd just in time for Christmas! Additional info can be found at *lowellhabitat.org/news-events/upcoming-events/*.

Proceeds benefit the revitalization project in Acre Neighborhood of Lowell — the ninth & tenth homes to be started in Spring 2018 as well as a Community Park on Franklin Street.

SilverTones Happy Holiday Concert
Friday December 15, from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Tewksbury Senior Center

The 20 professional volunteer musicians will present many lively Christmas and Seasonal tunes along with the more familiar Big Band tunes, featuring B.B. Braxten, female vocalist, along with a few sung by drummer Jim Sutton, and sax man Mike Petrishen. For $10 per person, enjoy the new dance floor, cake, coffee/tea, ice and a chance to win scratch tickets if you are wearing red AND green for the festive occasion. The band will be decked out in its holiday finery of silver vests and red ties. Bring along your favorite beverages and snacks and join in the fun of foxtrots, waltzes, jitterbugs, hip hop, line dances, Latins, and even a few polkas. It always concludes with a grand circle of "God Bless America" at 10:00 p.m. Couples and singles are welcome. Reserve tables of 8-10 by calling the Senior Center at 978-640-4480. The Tewksbury Senior Center is fully handicapped accessible and has well lighted parking and a beautiful new dance floor.

Tap class
Thursdays from 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

A fun, beginner level tap class that works on rhythm and basic tap steps put to upbeat music from the 50's through today's music!

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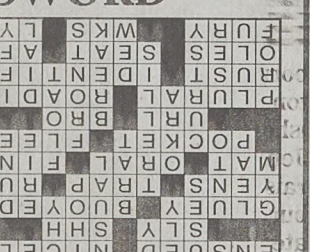
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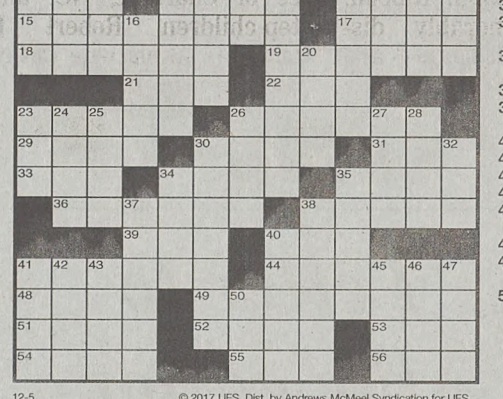
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First snowfall of season likely to impact area this weekend

By RAYMOND SPINAZOLA

As the holidays approach, the weather pattern will begin to take on a decidedly more festive appeal, as mother nature chases out the final vestiges of the mild air with a heavy round of rainfall on Wednesday. The colder air that is ushered in will waste little time asserting itself and making its presence known, as temperatures are likely to fall throughout the day on Wednesday, setting the stage for perhaps a vivid portrayal of the pattern change that will be taking place as we head into the weekend.

Although we here at Eastern Mass Weather still feel as though any major snows will hold off until at least mid month, and more likely near the holidays, we can not rule out the possibility of a plowable snowfall amidst a visual extracted from Norman Rockwell's holiday portfolio Saturday night into Sunday. However the devil, or shall we say "grinch" is in the details, as some uncertainties remain.

The upper level system drives into the Tennessee valley, as opposed to the GFS, which keeps it over the upper great lakes. This induces cyclogenesis off of Cape Hatteras, NC, which is a much more classic location for wintery impacts across southern New England.

In contrast, the system develops over northeast Mass on the GFS, which limits the the influx of moisture until it progresses beyond our latitude, and drives in warmer air, as well. Both are limiting factors in relation to snowfall across our area. The GFS may result in a slushy inch or two across the area, compared to potentially as much 3-6" if the scenario depicted on the Euro were to materialize.

We here at Eastern Mass Weather believe that a compromise is in order, as the EURO model is likely digging the system too deeply, and the GFS not deeply enough. The 12z European 51 member ensemble mean offers a prudent middle ground.

The EURO bias of over amplifying systems and digging troughs too deeply coupled with the fact that this is a progressive pattern renders caution the course of least regret with regard to expecting moderate amounts, however we do feel that a snowfall on the order of a general 2-5" is possible across a relatively large portion of the area.

We are betting against a trough as impressive as currently modeled denying Eastern Mass of at least an appreciable round of currier and ives to reflect the wide array of holiday lights that have been assembled across the region.

New chairman at The Savings Bank

WAKEFIELD — Robert J. DiBella, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Savings Bank, recently announced a change of leadership on the Board of Directors.

Michael R. Barrett of Wakefield has been appointed Chairman, following the retirement of former Chairman and Director John A. Spinello, while Attorney Mark J. Simeola of Melrose has been appointed Vice Chairman. Both Chairman Barrett and Vice Chairman Simeola were first elected as Corporators of The Savings Bank in 1998 and as Directors in 2007, and are second-generation members of the Board.



▲ Robert J. DiBella, center, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Savings Bank, congratulates newly appointed Chairman Michael R. Barrett, left, and Vice Chairman Mark J. Simeola, right. (Courtesy photo)

Michael R. Barrett

Michael R. Barrett, a partner in the firm of Christopher J. Barrett Realtors of Wakefield, served as Vice Chairman prior to his appointment as Chairman. He serves as Chairman of the Bank's Corporate Governance Committee, and as a member of the Executive Committee and the Asset Liability Management Committee, as well as Chairman of the Board of First Financial Trust, N.A., a subsidiary of The Savings Bank.

In addition to his responsibilities with The Savings Bank, Chairman Barrett serves as Vice President of Bear Hill Associates where he is also a member of the Bear Hill Golf Club's Membership Committee. He is Past President and Treasurer of the New England Chapter of CURE SMA, and has chaired the chapter's annual golf tournament and auction, helping to raise more than $500,000.

His professional affiliations include service on the Board of Directors of the Eastern Middlesex Association of Realtors, and as the past Chairman of the Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity committees. He is a past Director of the Rotary Club of Wakefield.

Chairman Barrett is a graduate of Merrimack College where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. He earned his GRI (Graduate Realtors Institution) and CBR (Certified Buyers Representative) designations and has been a consistent top producer in the real estate industry for his work with both buyers and sellers for the past 30 years.

Mark J. Simeola

Attorney Mark J. Simeola has been associated with the Wakefield law firm of Simeola and Simeola, P.C. since 1989. He serves as a member of the Bank's Executive Committee, Compensation Committee, Corporate Governance Committee, and is a member of the Board of Directors of both First Financial Trust, N.A., and the Donald E. Garrant Foundation.

Vice Chairman Simeola serves as Secretary of the Melrose Sons of Italy and, is a past President and Director of the Wakefield Lynnfield Chamber of Commerce.

A graduate of Boston College, Vice Chairman Simeola received his Juris Doctor degree from New England School of Law.

OBITUARIES

Yvette T. (Labbe) DeStefano

Services held on Sunday



Yvette T. (Labbe) DeStefano, age 90, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away on Nov. 29, 2017.

Yvette was the beloved wife of the late Michael A. DeStefano, devoted mother of Mary Ann Chamberland & her husband Warren of Westford, loving "Nana" of Kelly Ann Belt & her husband Jeffrey and Justin Mark Chamberland, great-grandmother of Liam Belt, cherished daughter of the late Joseph and Marie A. (Beland) Labbe, dear sister of Joseph Labbe of Everett, Evelyn Longo of Chelsea, the late Alice Basile and Jeannette Richard, sister-in-law of Edward DeStefano & his wife Joan of Revere and Fred Thompson of Fitchburg.

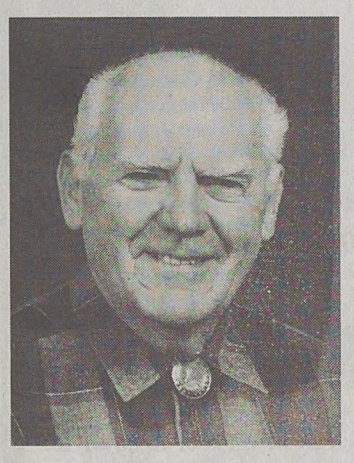
Yvette is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Monday, Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 12. Interment followed in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours were held at the Funeral Home on Sunday, Dec. 3 from 2 - 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations in Yvette's name may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

Edward Meleschuk

Member of United States Army Air Corps



Edward Meleschuk, age 97, of Tewksbury, formerly of Woburn, passed away peacefully on Dec. 2, 2017, at the Blair House in Tewksbury.

Ed was born on Oct. 9, 1920 in Boston, MA; he was the cherished only child to Leon and Jennie Meleschuk. Ed was raised and educated in Woburn, MA and was a graduate of Woburn High School.

In March of 1944, Ed was inducted into the United States Army Air Corps. He proudly served as a Sergeant with the 18th Aircraft Maintenance Floating Unit in the Western Pacific. Ed received several commendations including the Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon. Ed was honorably discharged on Feb. 25, 1946 and returned home to his family in Woburn.

Ed made many life-long friends with his fellow soldiers; he is one of the last survivors of his original group. Ed, along with his friends always looked forward to getting together at their annual reunions where they reminisced about old times.

In his spare time, Ed loved to build wooden model ships; his creations had so much detail to them and they were absolutely beautiful. Ed was known to be quite an "outdoorsman" who enjoyed fishing and boating on Bow Lake in New Hampshire where he and his family had a summer home.

Ed enjoyed taking his family boating out on the lake and showing them all around.

Ed also loved to travel with his wife Irene; they enjoyed many trips all over the country, they loved to go on cruises, and they looked forward to going with the Tewksbury and Wilmington Senior Centers for their outings at Foxwoods just to try their luck.

Ed will be fondly remembered for his love of family; especially his wife Irene who he adored. Ed also was very fond of animals and had a special place in his heart for his beloved dog Beau.

Ed was the loving husband of the late Irene (Ingalls) Baker Meleschuk, cherished son of the late Leon and Jennie (Choban) Meleschuk, beloved dad of Jeannette R. McEnroe & her late husband Joe of Elkton, FL, Edward Meleschuk & his wife Desiree of Charlotte, NC, and step-children Robert I. Baker, Jr. & his wife Cathy, Alice W. Volpe & her husband Bob all of Wilmington, Dorothy A. Clark of Marlboro, Liz Alexander & her husband David of Methuen, and Jerry J. Baker of Londonderry, NH.

Special "Grampa" of Susan M. Tyler, Lynda H. Steinbrecher, Julie I. Martinez, Ted McEnroe & his wife Rachel, Audrey Lalitica & her husband David, Edward L. Meleschuk, Desiree I. Meleschuk, Ruby I. Baker-Gallant, Robert I. Baker III, Lori B. Volpe, Adam R. Volpe & his wife Trish, Andrew B. Volpe, Meaghan Barrette & her husband Bob, Samantha I. Clark and Sarah A. Clark, Daniel Clark, Christine Alexander & her partner Fred Foss, David H. Alexander, Amanda J. Warford & her husband Tom, Jeremy and Emily Baker, great-grampa of Faithe E. Toomy & her partner Jenn Haskell, Ainslie Innamorati & her husband Peter, James Toomy & his wife Lauren, Paige Martinez, David Lalitica Jr., CJ and Tom Steinbrecher, Sunshine and Cody Bastis and Chloe Gallant, Summer A. Beals, Ethan, Timothy and Harrison Foss, Brynlee and Taylin Barrette, Braydon, Finn and Ryleigh Warford, Kate McEnroe, great-great-grampa of Bella, Lilli and Andrew Innamorati, Sadie Quinn and CoraLee Toomy.

Family and friends gathered for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 10 - 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Service at the Wilmington Congregational Church, 220 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Interment with Military Honors followed at Woodbrook Cemetery, Woburn.

Memorial donations in Edward's name may be made to the Blaire House, 10 Erlin Terrace, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

Edward's family would like a special thank you to go out to the Blaire House and their staff for their professionalism, compassion, and care of their dad.

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AG secures more than $14M from home health agency

BOSTON — As part of an effort in Massachusetts to address fraud, waste and abuse in the home health industry, Attorney General Maura Healey announced this week that a national home health agency has agreed to pay more than $14 million to settle allegations that it improperly submitted and received overpayments for services from the state's Medicaid program, known as MassHealth.

Centrus Premier Home Care Inc. d/b/a/ Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. (Maxim) is a nationwide provider of home health and other healthcare services with six locations in Massachusetts — Needham, Plymouth, Springfield, Taunton, Wilmington and Worcester.

MassHealth referred this matter to the AG's Medicaid Fraud Division in January 2017 after a voluntary provider overpayment disclosure by Maxim to MassHealth in October 2016. The disclosure indicated that claims were improperly submitted to and paid by MassHealth for home health aide services provided through Maxim when nursing or skilled therapy services were not necessary.

"This company billed MassHealth for services that were not eligible for reimbursement under state regulations and with the voluntary disclosure of these overpayments, will pay more than $14 million in this settlement," AG Healey said. "Home health agencies must be diligent in their billing practices to preserve the integrity of this program, which provides critical health care services to low-income individuals across our state."

"Under the Baker-Polito Administration, MassHealth has strengthened its program integrity efforts, including restructuring of the home health program, to reduce fraud, waste and abuse," Health and Human Services Secretary Sudders said. "As a result of this work, a moratorium on new home health agencies was implemented in 2016 and spending in the home health program has decreased 21 percent from fiscal year 2016 to 2017."

80 percent of home health spending growth had been driven by providers new to the Commonwealth since 2013.

During the relevant time period, MassHealth regulations allowed payment for home health aide services only if a patient had "a medically predictable recurring need for nursing services or therapy services" and provided that in order to "receive intermittent or part-time nursing care, the member must have a medically predictable recurring need for skilled nursing services at least once every 60 days."

The AG's investigation found that between March 2010 and October 2016, Maxim submitted and received payment for nearly 95,000 claims for services that were not covered per MassHealth regulations.

The settlement requires Maxim to pay $14,264,803 to MassHealth and includes compliance conditions going forward for three years. Maxim is also required to provide annual written certification to the AG's Office of compliance with these conditions and provide training to all employees involved in the MassHealth billing process regarding applicable statutes.

This civil settlement is part of a larger effort by AG Healey and MassHealth to combat fraud, waste and abuse in the home health program.

The AG's Office has recently taken criminal action against three home health agencies and their owners — Compassionate Homecare, Harmony Home Health Care, and Lifestream Healthcare Alliance — for allegedly overbilling and falsely billing MassHealth for home health services that were not authorized and/or provided.

In 2016, MassHealth completed a series of home health provider audits and as a result has strengthened program integrity within the home health program through a number of controls. MassHealth and the AG's Office worked to implement new regulations, effective March 1, 2016, that add prior authorization for home health services, require documented face-to-face physician visits to authorize home health services, and prohibit certifying physicians from being on staff or under contract with the home health agency.

In fiscal year 2016, MassHealth spent approximately $750 million on home health services, a 35 percent increase compared with fiscal year 2015. Since the restructuring of the home health program, spending on home health services has decreased significantly to $617 million in fiscal year 2017.

The Maxim matter was handled by Assistant Attorney General Steven Hoffman, Deputy Chief of the AG's Medicaid Fraud Division, and Investigators Scott Grannemann, Christopher Cecchini and Shelby Stephens, also of the AG's Medicaid Fraud Division. Maxim fully cooperated with the Attorney General's investigation.

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Bartevyan inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

BATON ROUGE, LA — Melanie Bartevyan of Tewksbury was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Bartevyan was initiated at MCPHS University.

Bartevyan is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines.

Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

More About Phi Kappa Phi

Since its founding, 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley.

Each biennium, Phi Kappa Phi awards $1.4 million to qualifying students and members through graduate fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, member and chapter awards, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives.

For more information, visit *www.phikappaphi.org*.





Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Green Chemistry on Wednesday, Dec. 13

Upcoming Events

Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. Please register online using our Calendar of Events at *www.wilmlibrary.org* or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Children/Teen). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked *RR. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for funding many of the following programs.

Using Age to Your Advantage in Your Job Search *RR

Monday, December 11, 10 am

Learn how to respond to age-related interview questions and why age can be an advantage in your job search. Topics include discrimination laws, résumé tips and general strategies. Guest speaker Kathy Andre is the former Manager of Library Workshop Resources at the Career Place.

Cookie Exchange *RR

Tuesday, December 12, 7 pm

Featured Cookbook: Dorie's Cookies by Dorie Greenspan

Cookies say holidays! Pick up a copy of the featured cookbook at the library, email your recipe selection to Lisa Crispin *(lcrispin@wilmlibrary.org)*, make three dozen; then come to the meeting and go home with a variety of cookies.

Green Chemistry *RR

Wednesday, December 13, 7 pm

Join John C. Warner chemist, educator, entrepreneur and one of the founders of the field of green chemistry, as he describes the impact of this discipline on the development of pharmaceuticals, personal care products, solar energy and construction and paving materials. Green Chemistry focuses on a sustainable future with reduced impact on human health and the environment.

Poetry Circle *RR

Saturday, December 16, 9:15 am-11:30 am

Love poetry? The poetry circle is a great opportunity to meet other poets and get constructive feedback in a supportive environment. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials in advance. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Financial Elder Abuse *RR

Tuesday, December 19, 2:30 pm

Financial elder abuse is a growing crime in this country. A representative from the Reading Cooperative Bank will provide information on common scams and what you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Kids & Teen Events

Baby Laptime *RR

Monday, December 11, 9:30 am

Join us for a morning of songs, tickles, bounces, and rhymes perfect for little prewalking babies and their caregivers. Infants-15 months

Exploration Station: Weather *RR

Monday, December 11, 10:30 am

Explore science through hands on activities. Ages 3-5

Art Adventures: Van Gogh Starry Nights *RR

Tuesday, December 12, 3:45 pm

Create your own masterpiece in the style of three celebrated artists and illustrators. We'll explore different forms of media and techniques to make one of a kind artwork for you to take home. Grades 1-5

Star Mag

Wednesday, December 13, 3:45 pm

Drop in to help create this magazine written by, for, and about kids and published by the library. Bring in finished, original artwork, puzzles, poems, comics, and jokes or create it while you are here. Grades 3-6

Finding the Spark of Your Story *RR

Thursday, December 14, 3 pm

YA author, Grubstreet instructor, and Wilmington native Katie Bayerl leads a highly interactive, 90-minute creative writing workshop — sharing, experimenting, and exploring craft ideas through different modes. Grades 6-12

R.E.A.D. Middle Grade Book Club: Redwall by Brian Jacques

Friday, December 15, 3:45 pm

Read, Eat and Discuss great classic books written for kids in grades 4-5.

Library News

Closed Friday Morning December 15

The library will be closed Friday, December 15 from 9 am to 1 pm for staff training. The library will be open 1 pm to 5 pm on Friday.

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Dr. Hall named 'Top Doc' by Boston Magazine

WINCHESTER — Area physician Dr. Jonathan D. Hall has been named to the Boston Magazine's "Top Doctors 2017," in their December 2017 annual guide to Boston's Best Doctors.

He is the chief of plastic surgery at Winchester Hospital and specializes in plastic surgery of the breast, body, and face. Dr. Hall has been named a Castle Connolly top doctor by his peers, and a compassionate doctor by his patients.

Dr. Hall has served on the board of Catholic Charities of the North Shore, as well as on the troop committee of Lynnfield Boy Scout Troop 48. He resides in Lynnfield with his wife, Teri. They have three sons, and are proud to have seen all three obtain the rank of Eagle Scout.

Dr. Hall is double board certified in Plastic Surgery and Facial Plastic Surgery and has practiced in the area since 1990.

His office is on Montvale Avenue in Stoneham.



▲ DR. HALL
(Courtesy photo)

Austin Prep honor roll

READING — The following students made the honor roll at Austin Prep.

TEWKSBURY

Distinction

Mackenzie Barrall,Cameron O'Hearn, Katelyn Quinn-Cyr

Honors

Paige D'Ambrosio, Catherine Mawn, Christopher Roy, Hayley Taber, Nicholas Theodos

WILMINGTON

Distinction

Brendan Ardito, Joshua Bartnicki, Charles Burnham, Thomas Burnham, Matthew Doherty, Michael Doherty, Damian Elkins, Liam Fagan, Alessandro Fanuele, Nicholas Fanuele, Ellen Klucznik, Logan MacDonald, Alexandra Martinson, Kristen Olson, Liam Prigmore, Devon Robinson, Patricia Stevens

Honors

Kevin Ackerley, Ryan Ackerley, Grace Ardito, Katelyn Ardito, Molly Ardito, Dylan Arnold, Grace Brisbois, Sophia Brisbois, Fiona Connolly, Molly Dugan, Aidan Elkins, Robert Farrell, Jillian Fisher, Joseph Kelley, William Lawson, Andrew Macdonald, Phillip Marchese, Ashley Murdock, Megan Olson, Conor Peterson, Margaret Peterson, Gannon Ricci, Lindsey Rosania, Katelin Stone, Kaylee Todisco, Maxwell Todisco, Nolan Vigeant, Jaelyn Walsh, Felicia Zuccola

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RMLD accepting entries into holiday lighting contest

READING — Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) invites its residential customers to add some fun to this year's holiday season by entering RMLD's Holiday Light Decorating Contest! The contest is open to all RMLD residential customers in Reading, North Reading, Wilmington, and Lynnfield.

One winner will be selected from each of the four towns, and each winner will receive $50 off their electric bill.

Customers may enter by submitting a photo of their decorated home online at *RMLD.com*. Entries are being accepted now through Sunday, Dec. 17.

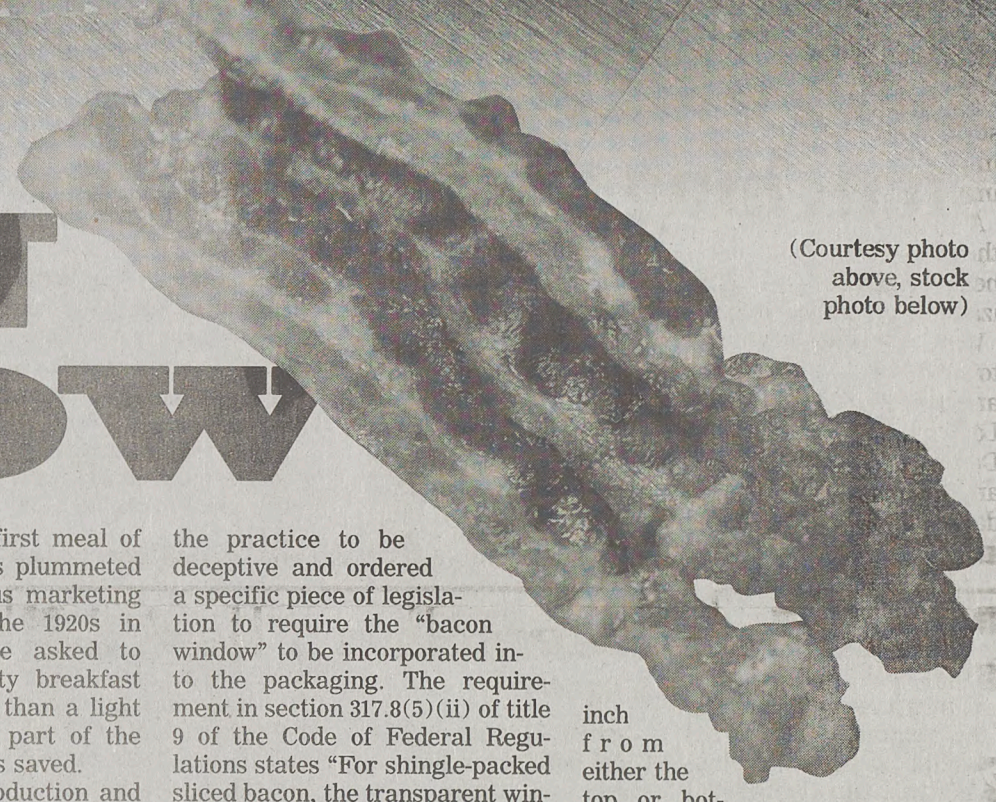
Winners will be determined by online vote; RMLD customers are invited to vote for their favorite entry from each town at *RMLD.com* from Tuesday, Dec. 19 – Friday, Dec. 29.

Winners will be announced on Wednesday, Jan. 3. For more information and official contest rules, visit *http://www.rmld.com/home/pages/holiday-light-decorating-contest.*

Lifestyle



THE BACON WINDOW



(Courtesy photo above, stock photo below)

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent
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I am not sure how I came to know about the bacon window, but it is part of my shopping routine just as checking for bad spots on apples, reading dates on dairy items, and opening and checking every egg in the carton.

Yet, while I assumed that everyone knew about this feature of bacon packaging, an informal survey amongst some friends yielded blank stares and "I have no idea what you are talking about" comments. I was stunned.

Before buying a package of bacon, I flip it over and look in the rectangular window and see how much meat is part of the slice, choosing the package with the least amount of fat visible. Why would I pay for fat?

Bacon, or pork belly, has been part of the American landscape, arriving with cultures from England, Europe and beyond. The practice of salting and curing meat has been around since ancient times. Even early cultures in Africa encountered pigs and discovered the meat of the belly to be quite flavorful.

Meat served with eggs became part of a rural farmer's diet, but as urbanization occurred and convenience products were introduced, Americans favored cereals and toast for their first meal of the day. Bacon sales plummeted and through a genius marketing campaign during the 1920s in which doctors were asked to agreed that a hearty breakfast was more beneficial than a light breakfast, bacon as part of the breakfast routine was saved.

Enter the mass production and packaging of bacon. In the early 1970s, bacon producers created inventive packaging which cascaded the meaty edge of bacon and made it look quite appealing. Consumers quickly revolted when they got the packages home and found three quarters of the bacon slice to be fat.

In 1974, the government found the practice to be deceptive and ordered a specific piece of legislation to require the "bacon window" to be incorporated into the packaging. The requirement in section 317.8(5)(ii) of title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations states "For shingle-packed sliced bacon, the transparent window shall be designed to reveal at least 70 percent of the length (longest dimension) of the representative slice, and this window shall be at least 1 1/2 inches wide.

"The transparent window shall be located not more than five-eighths inch from the top or bottom edge of a 1-pound or smaller package and not more than three-fourths inch from either the top or bottom edge of a package larger than 1 pound."

So there you have it. Nevermore will you purchase bacon that is not to the specifications of the ratio of fat that is your choosing. Flip that bacon package over and go for the meatiest package you can find and share with a friend the consumer benefits of the bacon window.

HAPPENINGS IN EDUCATION

Smith hopes to be a travelling man

By MATT FRONDUTO



If Brandon Smith looks familiar, then congratulations — you are a prolific *Town Crier* reader, and we appreciate your support! Smith appeared in the *Town Crier* last month as Ocean State Job Lot's resident food ambassador, a job that requires both dedication and passion, two traits that he happens to embrace daily.

Tewksbury Memorial High School has plenty of bright, ambitious, and eager to learn students wandering its halls, but senior Brandon Smith stands out among the student body as someone who exemplifies all of these characteristics, and does so with a smile on his face.

Though Smith's interests span across many fields, few subjects can rival the passion he has for History.

Brandon attributes this primarily to the educators he has had in his high school history classes, as he said, "All the history teachers I've had, from Mr. Doolan to Ms. Hill, each had their own unique teaching style that made learning about history a lot more interesting."

While Modern American History stands out as the most fascinating time period in Smith's eyes, he has a great understanding and appreciation for learning about our planet's history.

As for pursuing a career outside of high school, Smith takes interest in hospitality, an area that holds limitless potential for such an ambitious student. Smith's ambition can be shown through his eagerness to stray out of his comfort zone in order to better himself in some way.

"During college I absolutely want to study abroad in England or Spain. I love traveling and learning about hospitality in a foreign country would be an amazing opportunity. Studying in Spain would allow me to use all the knowledge I've learned about Spanish language & culture to apply it in the real world."

When he attends college, Smith will look to attend a school that can provide him with the tools necessary to further his career. A few of the schools that Brandon finds himself looking into include The University of New Hampshire, Johnson & Wales, Endicott, UMASS Amherst, and The University of Central Florida, all of which offer unique approaches to the hands-on education that Smith desires.

As mentioned earlier, Smith has a particular interest in food; he loves discussing it, studying it, and most importantly, eating it, and aside from his position as food ambassador, Brandon simply enjoys food the way we all do, even if he brings a more professional pallet to the table.

And when the time inevitably comes for Brandon to move on to college and the real world, he will absolutely miss his friends and teachers, but he finds himself more concerned with adapting to a new schedule and routine.

"It'll be weird to not have to wake up at 6 a.m. and come to TMHS every day. Not to mention I'll also miss the set routine I have each day."

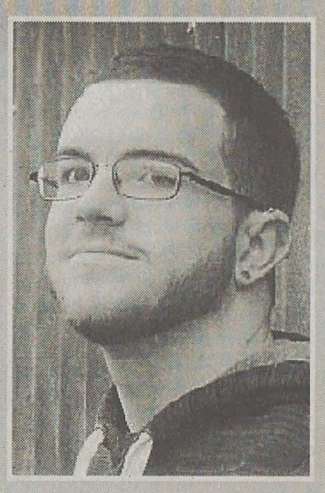
He said, "I work better with routines so having to lose that will definitely be something interesting."

However, even if it takes a while for Brandon to adapt, it is almost a guarantee that he will eventually do so, as a man with as much ambition as himself will certainly be able to make a name for himself.

Corson defies all stereotypes

STUDENT PROFILES

By TROY ACCONCIA



You are walking down the halls of TMHS and you spot someone. Perhaps it's a slim, dark-clothed senior with glasses and earrings. Of course prejudice comes into mind, as first impressions might have you thinking that he is "rough" or "unfriendly." If you find yourself having thoughts like these, you couldn't be more wrong. This "rough" kid goes by the name of Shane Corson, and he's not afraid to shatter stereotypes.

Corson in one word? Smart. He is in constant need to succeed academically and he never settles for mediocre grades. Throughout his high school career, Corson has packed in as many honors and AP classes as he can possibly handle. Some of which including, AP Statistics, AP Calculus, and AP Chemistry. Not only does he take these difficult courses, but Shane makes it look easy.

Corson has been at TMHS for four years and has yet to obtain a grade any lower than a B+. With that, of course comes a first-class GPA of 4.3.

Shane's academic resume doesn't stop there.

He received an outstanding score of 1400 on the SATs, as well as a spot in the top 10 percent of the current senior class. Corson has even been a part of honors math since before high school due to accelerated classes!

Shane is not opposed to getting involved outside the classroom. He has been apart of the ECHO club as well as Drama Club, working backstage.

When asked why he enjoys Drama Club so much, Shane replied, "It's a really accepting environment and the people are all extremely nice. It's full of positivity and it feels good to work with really talented people to entertain others."

This just goes to show how friendly and thankful Shane really is for meeting new people and trying new experiences.

Applying to college is just around the corner and Shane is considering top notch schools such as UMass Amherst, UConn, and UMass Lowell. Any one of these universities would be lucky to have Shane's name on their attending list next fall. Shane wants to do computer science or environmental engineering as a major.

When he's not in school, Corson loves to do various things. Although he enjoys a variety of music, some of Shane's favorites include punk rock bands such as "System of a Down" and "The Wonder Years."

"I just find the music to fit my personality more and to have more meaning to me than other genres," Shane said. "I like how it can almost feel like controlled chaos."

He also likes watching his favorite show, Avatar: The Last Airbender, and playing his favorite video game, Rainbow Six Siege.

Shane Corson is one-of-a-kind. He doesn't care what many people think and he does things his way. And that is truly refreshing. In a world today, where people are forced to succumb to peer pressure and blend in, Shane is an anomaly. But a good anomaly at that. The world needs more Shane Corsons.

Tewksbury Police Log

Two arrested for possessing class A drugs

Monday, November 27

12:44 p.m. - A male party came into Enterprise Bank earlier acting suspicious. Police sent and they reported a male party had asked the employee for some brochure regarding opening an account.

2:56 p.m. - Caller reported an intoxicated party at Livingston Street and Wildwood Road. Police sent and they returned with one male under protective custody.

8:10 p.m. - Officers off at Police Headquarters on a warrant arrest. Heather Maccormack, 39, of 102 Newbury St. in Danvers, was arrested and charged with a warrant for unlicensed operation.

10:31 p.m. - A package was stolen from the caller's doorstep at North Street. She stated she had security camera footage.

Tuesday, November 28

1:09 p.m. - Someone stole chains from one of the trucks sometime last night at East Street. Officer filed a report.

4:19 p.m. - Neighbor reported possible water main break/heavy water flow on Jennies Way. The irrigation system was turned on and running and the caller was able to turn it off at this time. He was able to make contact with the homeowner through their doorbell camera.

9:29 p.m. - Two male parties walked with gloves and hoods on at John Street. Caller believed this to be suspicious. The police reported father and son were out for a walk and reside at John Street.

Wednesday, November 29

1:55 a.m. - Police out for a motor vehicle for market lanes violation at Andover Street. Jonathan Taveras, 24, of 16C Loring St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operation of motor vehicle with license suspended, marked lanes violation, and number plate violation.

1:56 a.m. - Police checked on party sleeping in a motor vehicle at Bank of America. Police returned with one party under protective custody.

9:18 a.m. - Someone tried to open the back door to the Sky Box Sports Bar. Two males were outside saying they were doing work at Papa Ginos. Police sent and they were doing work next door and had the wrong door.

5:14 p.m. - Caller reported a deer hit at Whipple Road and Marston Street. The caller did not hit the deer, but she saw vehicles pulled over with hazards on. The caller did not know where the deer went after being hit. Officer reported deer was gone on arrival.

Thursday, November 30

9 a.m. - There was a suspicious motor vehicle parked across from the caller's unit with a male lying down in the seat at Merrimack Meadows Lane. Police sent and the party checked out okay, working for the head of maintenance.

11:52 a.m. - Police sent to Archstone Avenue to check on a suspicious male party banging on the front door. The male party was a maintenance man and the party was spoken to.

6:14 p.m. - Resident at Shawsheen Street reported suspicious vehicle parked in trail beside her home. Two males pulled up in a vehicle, one male exited and walked down trail. Police sent. Everything checked out; male was waiting for his friend who uses the cut through to his residence.

9:08 p.m. - Multiple parties and flashlights came from the golf course (4th hole area) at Birchwood Road. Area was checked; no one in the area and found.

Friday, December 1

11:54 a.m. - Police sent to check on a report of two shoplifters in custody at Wal-Mart. Angela Bryant, 44, of 169 Moore St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

4:42 p.m. - Police at Extended Stay America were sent for suspicious activity. Danielle Dauphinais, 31, of 7 Sunset Dr. in Merrimack New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with possession of class A drugs. Joseph Stapf, 26, of 7 Sunset Dr. in Merrimack New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with possession of class A drugs.

5:29 p.m. - Three parties were in the woods on Barry Drive with lights. Police sent and they were hunters tracking a deer.

11:53 p.m. - Manager at Jade East reported a customer cannot pay his bill. Police sent and the customer had paid his bill before the police arrived.

Saturday, December 2

1:33 a.m. - A 911 caller at Tewksbury Treatment Center at Tewksbury Hospital reported an unwanted party that was fighting with Campus Police. Kevin Rochon, 34, of 249 Grafton St. in Brockton, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on police officer, malicious destruction of property +$250, possession of class E drugs, and disorderly conduct.

1:54 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic vehicle all over the road on Route 38 North Main Street. Police sent. Everything checked out with the vehicle.

5:38 p.m. - The caller believed a male party was yelling in her backyard at Roper Street. Police sent and no issue.

Sunday, December 3

3:31 a.m. - Caller at East Street reported a loud party was too noisy. Police sent and reported the parties have left the area.

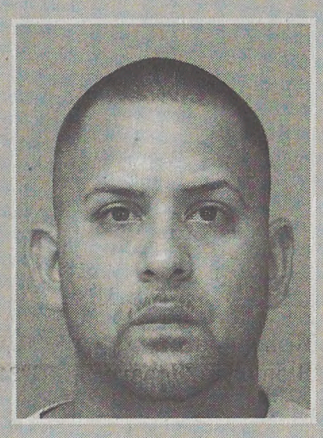
5:04 a.m. - Manager at Cumberland Farms reported a vehicle parked in the lot for two days. Police reported the manager will wait a few more days and then have the vehicle towed.

Male wanted for snatching woman's purse

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Police Department is seeking any information as to the whereabouts of Martin Omar Crespo, 37, formerly of 191 Charles St., Lowell for stealing a woman's purse while she was shopping at the Tewksbury Wal-Mart on Oct. 31, 2017.

He fled the area before police arrived and could not be located.

Detectives were able to identify Crespo as not only the suspect in Tewksbury, but the suspect in a similar theft in Chelmsford and an attempted theft in Hudson, NH.



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Crespo is listed as 5'-11", 170lbs with brown hair and brown eyes. Crespo is believed to be operating a beige, Toyota Corolla with New Hampshire registration 428-9442. Crespo is believed to have ties to Lowell and Manchester, NH. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Anyone with information is asked to call Tewksbury Police at 978-851-7373 or Dial 911.

The Tewksbury Police Department urges any citizens who suspect criminal activity to call the Dispatch Center at 978-851-7373. If you wish to remain anonymous please call the Tip Line at 978-851-0175 or send an email to *tewks_detectives@tewksbury-ma.gov.*

Wilmington Police Log

Drug, drug paraphernalia found following accident

Monday, November 27:

6:40 a.m.: The Fire Department responded to a fire on I93 reported by State Police.

2 p.m.: After investigating a truck found in the woodline before Exit 38 on I93, police found a man hunting. He was advised that hunting is not allowed on town property and the Environmental Police were notified.

3:06 p.m.: A woman was struck by her neighbor's Chevrolet Silverado on Winchell Road. A Fire Department transported her to Winchester for medical attention.

Tuesday, November 28:

6:48 p.m.: A Nissan Rogue struck two poles on Clark Street, downing one. Wires from the pole fell in the roadway and service was down to several houses in the area. Several properties were also damaged on Clark Street as well as one on Main Street. Drugs and drug paraphernalia were confiscated from the vehicle and the driver was summonsed for negligent operation of a motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, leaving the scene of property damage, and speeding.

Wednesday, Nov. 29:

4:35 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision involving a Chevrolet Cruze and a Hyundai Sonata occurred at the intersection of Concord Street and I93 Ramp 39.

10:09 p.m.: Summonses were given for three counts of larceny over $250 at the Target on Ballardvale St.

Thursday, November 30:

7:14 A Honda Accord and a Mercedes ML350 were involved in a minor motor vehicle collision at Woodbriar Nursing Home on West Street. There were no injuries.

Friday, December 1:

12:21 p.m.: A resident on Deming Way broke into the Deming Way community room overnight to steal several items. The Housing Authority reported the incident and had the theft on camera.

12:59 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Lowell Street involving a Toyota RAV4 and a Nissan Altima. No one was injured and the airbags did not have to be deployed.

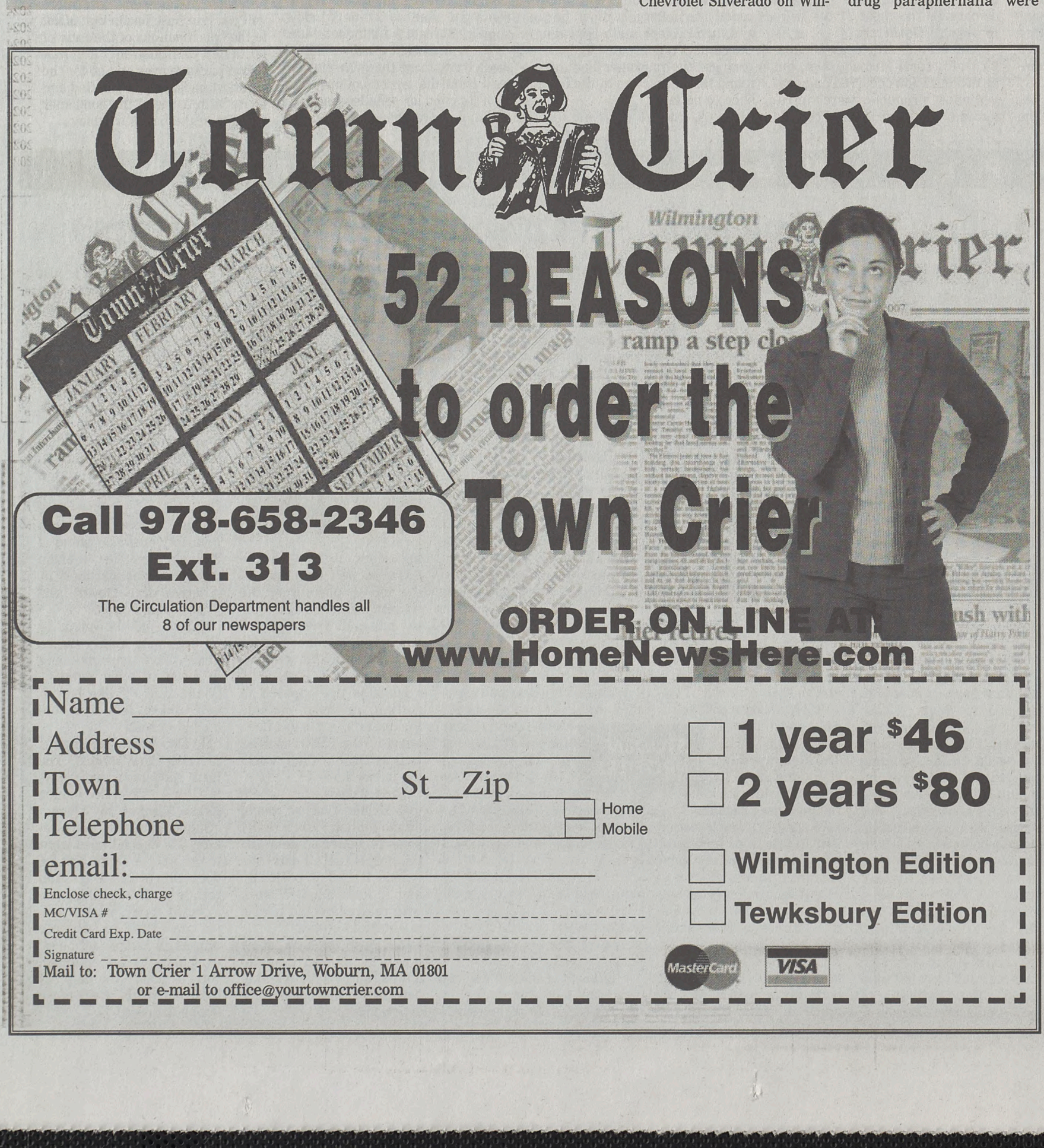
2:51 p.m.: One party reported a back injury after a collision between a Toyota Highlander and a Mack 600 on Main Street.

Saturday, December 2:

1:27 a.m.: Eddie Ayala, 27, of 23 S Whipple St. in Lowell was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked license and not having a valid inspection sticker on his car. He was later bailed.

Sunday, December 3:

12:21 p.m.: The Fire Department extinguished a reported garbage fire in a Revere Avenue backyard. The resident burning the trash was advised of the regulations surrounding outdoor burning.



Wilmington Middle School high honor and honor rolls

Honor Rolls
Wilmington Middle School
School Year: 2017-2018

Q1 High Honors

Name	YOG
Abdulla, Emir	2022
Andersen, John	2022
Biarrio, Anthony	2022
Broderick, Michael	2022
Carroll, Margaret	2022
Ciampa, Angelyn	2022
Curdo, Audrey	2022
Danieli, Jenna	2022
DeOliveira, Brian	2022
DiNatale, Nicholas	2022
Duong, Zachary	2022
Dynan, Joseph	2022
Eich, Cameron	2022
Erler, Olivia	2022
Flanagan, Corinn	2022
Flynn, Alex	2022
Foley, Allison	2022
Fortier, Rowan	2022
Fricia, Alyssa	2022
Gabardi, Dominic	2022
Gandhi, Anay	2022
Haerer, Jacob	2022
Hanafin, Lauryn	2022
Johnson, Angelina	2022
Kulis, Celia	2022
LaVita, Sarah	2022
Lemay, Holly	2022
Liberatore, Damien	2022
Lohrman, Paige	2022
McDonald, Tayla	2022
McHugh, Emily	2022
Moody, Michael	2022
Morris, Samantha	2022
Packer, Nathaniel	2022
Palino, Angela	2022
Perriello, Lillian	2022
Rago, Alyssa	2022
Rogers, Olivia	2022
Rooney, Jack	2022
Solari, Amanda	2022
Spizuoco, Olivia	2022
Tompkins, Meghan	2022
Tran, Laura	2022
Wells, Kari	2022
Wiberg-Pichetti, Grace	2022
Wilson, Haeleigh	2022
Wright, Madison	2022
Ahlin, Casey	2023
Bornstein, Ryan	2023
Brown, Mallory	2023
Bryan, Sarah	2023
Carr, Griffin	2023
Catalano, Isabella	2023
Constantine, Grace	2023
Edwards, Alexis	2023
Erickson, Antonio	2023
Gabriel, Ciara	2023
Gargan, Thomas	2023
Gates, Kylie	2023
George, Caitlyn	2023
Gonzalez, Kelly	2023
Gonzalez, Rachel	2023
Gray, Emily	2023
Graziano, Alexa	2023
Hally, Katelin	2023
Hayduk, Elisabeth	2023
Healy, Kaelin	2023
Hughes, Sara	2023
Hurley, Lauryn	2023
Kanihan, Ryan	2023
Koss, Nikos	2023
LaConte, Audrey	2023
Lipsanopoulos, Sofia	2023
Lucot, Kammi	2023
Mallajosyula, Srikar	2023
Mafonson, Carlie	2023
McConologue, Dennis	2023
Mitchell, Owen	2023
Monteforte, Michael	2023
Moretti, Roman	2023
Nguyen, Tyler	2023
O'Connell, Elly	2023
O'Donnell, Carina	2023
Powers, Audrey	2023
Provost, Emily	2023
Ryan, Ethan	2023
Santos, Caroline	2023
Sica, Thomas	2023
Tran, Emily	2023
Willson, Ryan	2023
Wingate, Ella	2023
Wood, Connor	2023
Anthony, Lindsay	2024
Archer, Julia	2024
Banevicius, Mantvydas	2024
Biscan, William	2024
Bourgeois, Jake	2024
Bryan, Samantha	2024
Bryson, Hannah	2024
Cali, Megan	2024
Chronopoulos, Ellianna	2024
Cirame, Katelyn	2024
Di Zoglio, Antonia	2024
DiNatale, Sofia	2024
Dillon, Brianne	2024
Doherty, Emily	2024
Dynan, Michael	2024
Elliott, Robert	2024
Finberg, Hannah	2024
Finberg, Josephine	2024
Gandhi, Anuj	2024
Ganley, Alissa	2024
Gardner, Alicia	2024
Harper, Austin	2024
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Healy, Courtney	2024
Jancsics, Anna	2024
Jenks, Caroline	2024
Karani, Siddharth	2024
Kelley, Kyla	2024
Kennedy, Alex	2024
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Lambert, Clyde	2024
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MacDonald, Molly	2024
MacKenzie, Lily	2024
Maiella, Andrew	2024
Malvone, Joseph	2024
McLaughlin, John	2024
McLean, Jake	2024
Melvin, Alexis	2024
Miller, Layne	2024
Moore, Adrienne	2024
Murphy, Ryan	2024
Murray, Nathan	2024
Oppedisano, Eva	2024
Rasphoumy, Molly	2024
Rice, Keira	2024
Richards, Elsa	2024
Rooney, Charles	2024
Rourke, Riley	2024
Stoeva, Neda	2024
Stryhalaleck, Mia	2024
Sullivan, Keira	2024
Tassone, Patrick	2024
Toomey, Emma-Rose	2024
Vo, Priscilla	2024
Walsh, Grace	2024
Wardenburg, Kaylee	2024
Weinstein, Ryan	2024
Wright, Rachel	2024
Yalcin, Adam	2024

Q1 Honor Roll

Name	YOG
Accardi, Salvatore	2022
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Alworth, William	2022
Angiuoni, Anthony	2022
Balestrieri, Caitlin	2022
Barletta, Sofia	2022
Bittarelli, Christianna	2022
Bloom, Dillon	2022
Botte, Isabella	2022
Boyajian, Thomas	2022
Bramantecohen, Nokomis	2022
Breen, Taylor	2022
Breitenbach, Kylie	2022
Broussard, Amanda	2022
Bryan, Marisa	2022
Callahan, Vincent	2022
Campbell, Julia	2022
Chatterji, Akash	2022
Chirichiello, Jake	2022
Ciampa, Victoria	2022
Cirame, Sarah	2022
Conde, Daniel	2022
Corso, Bianca	2022
Costello, Shane	2022
Crowley, Liam	2022
Cushing, Shea	2022
Dalton, Thomas	2022
Davis, Jamie	2022
DeMoura, Joseph	2022
DeVerbigier, Gabrielle	2022
Doherty, Kaitlyn	2022
Donovan, Kirk	2022
Doucette, Will	2022
Dwyer, Liam	2022
Dyment, Rhiannon	2022
Edgerly, Edward	2022
Encarnacion Cespedes, Tiffany	2022
Estrada, Jake	2022
Farrell, Jack	2022
Fiorenza, Maura	2022
Fisher, Haley	2022
Flaherty, Danielle	2022
Foresyth, Emersyn	2022
Fothergill, Emily	2022
Frizzell, Christopher	2022
Frye, Abigail	2022
Gallezzo, Ashley	2022
Gardner, Charles	2022
Gargan, Brian	2022
Gattineri, Andrew	2022
Giampaolo, Dante	2022
Giuliana, Lauren	2022
Granara, Alyssa	2022
Guevara, Bryam	2022
Harless, Daevin	2022
Hassell, Emily	2022
Hutchison, Lauren	2022
Jareo, Samantha	2022
Johnson, Ryan	2022
Kieran, Isabella	2022
King, Braedon	2022
Kullman, Thomas	2022
Lavigne, Andrew	2022
Lee, Ian	2022
Long, Emily	2022
Lozzi, Jeremiah	2022
Maguire, Kaitlyn	2022
Mahoney, Jeffrey	2022
Malvone, Ella	2022
Martinez Solorzano, Najerith	2022
Mason, Kristina	2022
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Melaragni, Gianna	2022
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Miaskiewicz, Frederik	2022
Monteforte, Gabriella	2022
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Moreau, Chase	2022
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Murphy, Cassidy	2022
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Nally, Rachel	2022
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O'Mahony, Meghan	2022
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Pal, Medha	2022
Paolillo, Leah	2022
Pastore, Joseph	2022
Proulx, Quinn	2022
Puccio, Isabelle	2022
Rebeiro, Allison	2022
Rebinskas, Nathaniel	2022
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Rubin, Lilly	2022
Ruff, Andrew	2022
Schuler, Kelli	2022
Shackelford, Evan	2022
Simonelli, Aislinn	2022
Smiljic, Luka	2022
Smith, Kaitlyn	2022
Spencer, John	2022
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Stanford, Chloe	2022
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Tassone, Caterina	2022
Thacker-Benoit, Faith	2022
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Trotta, Adrian	2022
Turner, Andrea	2022
Vega, Sydney	2022
Villalta, Jonathan	2022
Watne, Sandra	2022
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Wright, Matthew	2022
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Aberle, Justin	2023
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Biju, Nikhitha	2023
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Patil, Aryan	2023
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Prendeville, Shannon	2023
Price, Shea	2023
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Spinney, Eric	2024
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Wallace, Joseph	2024
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Warford, Anna	2024
Watne, Daniel	2024
White, Braeden	2024
Witalisz, Jake	2024
Woltag, Evan	2024
Wright, Benjamin	2024

Tewksbury's Surowiec inducted into Assumption College Honors Program

WORCESTER — The Assumption College Honors Program inducted 60 new members from the Class of 2021, including Samantha Surowiec, of Tewksbury, on Sunday, Oct. 29, before an audience of administrators, faculty, and families.

Housed in the new, state-of-the-art Tsotsis Family Academic Center, which features student study spaces, a lounge and spaces for collaboration, Assumption's Honors Program offers a demanding, intensive curriculum designed to foster academic engagement inside and outside the classroom. Whether students major in the liberal arts, business, or professional studies such as education or human services and rehabilitation studies, the Honors Program enables students to explore their capabilities with peers who are similarly motivated.

"Through their rigorous course of study, Honors students make significant contributions to the academic life of Assumption College," said Director of the Honors Program and Philosophy, Professor Molly Flynn. "Students in this select and competitive program are formed as intellectuals who will become leaders in their field of study and individuals who are compassionate about using their intellectual gifts and talents to better their communities."

Outstanding students who have demonstrated academic excellence in standardized test scores, rank in class, engagement inside and outside the classroom, and a passion for learning comprise this select program at the College.

The Honors Program reflects the mission of the College by providing a curriculum that offers a high quality liberal education, in-depth disciplinary, professional and opportunities to contribute to the community, and a basis for a meaningful personal, professional, spiritual, family, and civic life. It enables students to explore connections among their courses, and also between their courses and life. The program promotes intellectual friendship and discourse while providing a common, intensive learning experience inside and outside the classroom.

Students apply to the Honors Program when they apply to the College as a high school senior. (Those students who demonstrate academic excellence during their first semester at Assumption are also welcome to apply.) The College then reviews a number of criteria: standardized test scores; class rank; engagement inside and outside the classroom; demonstrated passion for learning; and grade point average (GPA). Students must maintain a GPA of 3.25 in Honors courses, and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25.

Founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption in Worcester, Mass., Assumption College is a Catholic liberal arts institution that offers undergraduate students 41 majors and 48 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs-each through an educational experience that is grounded in the rich Catholic intellectual tradition.

The curriculum enables students to gain a depth and breadth of knowledge that leads to professional success and personal fulfillment. Students — whether on the Worcester campus or at the College's Rome, Italy, campus — become engaged participants in Assumption's classic liberal arts education, exploring new ideas and making connections across disciplines.

To prepare for the workforce, students learn cutting-edge theory and best practices, conduct innovative research, and develop excellent communication and critical-analysis skills. Assumption graduates are also known for their thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service to their community.

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Santa's Workshop tonight

WILMINGTON — Santa and his elves have reserved Thursday, Dec. 7 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. to receive wish lists and pose for a quick snapshot with Wilmington boys and girls.

Join Santa in the Wilmington Town Hall, Room 9, as we welcome this holiday season.

Don't forget your camera to capture this special moment!

DiCenso & Spaniol Team join REMAX Encore

WILMINGTON — Elaine Hoff and Jonathan Parker, Broker/Owners of REMAX Encore are proud to announce that Tina DiCenso and Tracy Spaniol have joined our team of top producing agents as the DiCenso & Spaniol Team!

Tina DiCenso is a licensed broker and Realtor as well as a lifelong Wilmington Resident. She has been licensed since 2010. Along with providing exceptional service to many clients over the years she has also served as Director of Operations to another large real estate franchise, where she managed over 50 agents.

Tracy Spaniol is a licensed agent and Realtor and has resided in Wilmington for 13 years. She has been licensed since 2004. Tracy previously worked in property management and construction development for over 15 years thereby gaining valuable experience in all aspects of real estate.

Tina and Tracy both are extremely active in the community. Whether it's the hours they spend volunteering in the schools or within the Youth Sports programs, you are bound to see these two around town! Their combined experience and knowledge make the DiCenso & Spaniol Team a great resource for all of your real estate needs!

"We are so excited to welcome Tina back and get a chance to work with Tracy as they both are knowledgeable professionals and will compliment all the hardworking agents at REMAX Encore," says Jonathan Parker.

HomesWithTinaAndTracy.com



▲ TINA DICENSO



▲ TRACY SPANIOL

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Heather Williams and Christopher G. Williams a/k/a Christopher Williams to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., dated July 20, 2011 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 25113, Page 182, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 a.m. on January 5, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 401 Woburn Street, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Wilmington, County of Middlesex. Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being shown as Lot 9 B on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Wilmington, Mass." Dated July 31, 1956 by Dana F. Perkins and Sons, Inc., recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 88, Plan 6 and bounded and described as follows:

EASTERLY by Woburn Street in two lines measuring twenty-four and 32/100 (24.32) feet and seventy-five and 68/100 (75.68) feet respectively;

NORTHERLY by Lot 8 B on said plan in two lines measuring sixty-five (65) feet and four hundred eighty-two (482) feet respectively;

WESTERLY by land of owners unknown, one hundred five (105) feet;

SOUTHERLY by land now or formerly of R. W. McGabe in three lines measuring four hundred eighty-eight (488) feet, forty and 74/100 (40.74) feet and twenty eight and 04/100 (28.04) feet, respectively.

Containing 61,000 square feet of land, be any or all of said measurements or contents more or less or however otherwise said premises may be bounded or described.

Deed recorded herewith

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 25113, Page 180.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Ten Thousand ($10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201605-0642 - PRP
171496 11/29, 12/6,13/17

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Gerard A. Kulevich and Jessica M. Kulevich to FIRST FRANKLIN A DIVISION OF NAT. CITY BANK OF IN, dated July 21, 2005 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 19024, Page 262 subsequently assigned to First Franklin Financial Corporation by First Franklin, a Division of National City Bank of Indiana by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 20006, Page 90 and subsequently assigned to National City Bank by First Franklin Financial Corporation by assignment recorded in said Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 23152, Page 227; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM on December 15, 2017 at 71 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon, situated in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot B on a plan entitled "Plan of Property surveyed for Eldon H. Durkee, Wilmington, Mass." dated November 23, 1951, by A. N. Eames, Surveyor, duly recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds, Plan Book 81, Plan 137 and bounded and described as follows: NORTHWESTERLY by Middlesex Avenue, Seventy-One and 78/100 (71.78) feet; NORTHERLY by the curve of said Middlesex Avenue and central Street, Thirty-One and 231100 (31.23) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by Central Street, in two courses totalling Eighty-One and 28/100 (81.28) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of Walsh, One Hundred (100) feet; and, SOUTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Nolan, Ninety-Seven and I 0/l 00 (97.1 0) feet. Containing 9075 square feet of land more or less.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS ($5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Bank
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
16-014134
171433 11/22,29, 12/6/17

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Cheryl A. Faro and Matthew P. Faro to America's Wholesale Lender, dated May 28, 2003 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 15341, Page 139, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from America's Wholesale Lender to Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP dated February 11, 2009 and recorded with said registry on March 2, 2009 at Book 22773 Page 200 and by assignment from Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP to Federal National Mortgage Association dated April 14, 2015 and recorded with said registry on April 24, 2015 at Book 29000 Page 170, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on December 27, 2017, on the mortgaged premises located at 7 Madison Road, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land shown as Lots 177-182 inclusive on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Lots at Central Park, Wilmington, Mass, April, 1908, Scale 80 feet to an inch" which plan is recorded at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 25, Plan 39.

Reference is hereby made to said plan for a more particular description.
Said Lot is also shown as Lot 70 on a Definitive Plan entitled "Madison Road, Wilmington, Mass., William G. Troy and Assoc., 936 East Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, Owner James Banda, Jr., 5 Longview Road, Wilmington, MA", which plan is recorded at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 182, Plan 136 to which reference is made for a more particular description of said Lot 70.

Lot 70 contains 15,363 square feet of land, more or less, according to said plan.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded at Book 6900 Page 255.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 6800, Page 255.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Ten Thousand ($10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE")
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617) 558-0500
201605-0651 - TEA
171483 11/29, 12/6,13/17

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Ortega Services Inc. of 8 Lawrence St. Apt. 1 in Methuen, MA who is the last registered owner of a 2003 Honda Accord **Vin # 1HGCM56303A050722** that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about 12/14/2017 at A & S Towing, Inc., 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.
171482 11/22,29, 12/6/17

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

17 SM 008907

ORDER OF NOTICE

To:
Ricky C. Stanichuk, Jr., Trustee of J.A.R. Realty Trust,
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 et seq.:

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in TEWKSBURY, numbered 2 WOODLAND DRIVE, given by Jason M. Stanichuk and Ricky D. Stanichuk to Bank of America, N.A, dated October 7, 2009, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 23445, Page 223, as affected by a modification agreement dated December 31, 2014, and recorded with said Registry in Book 28825, Page 167, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before January 8, 2018 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER, Chief Justice of said Court on November 22, 2017.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
201709-0177-PRP
171512 12/6/17

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **December 21, 2017** at **6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Emanuel and Assuncao Monteiro** for a variance from Section 4130, Appendix B of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw for front yard setbacks to construct a 16' x 20' addition as shown on plans filed with this Board. Said property is located at **25 Harrison Road,** Assessor's Map 18, Lot 5, zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice also available on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Robert Dugan,
Chairman
171528 12/6,13/17

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS SPECIFICATION AND BID FORM

One (1) 4-POST TRUCK LIFT WITH BRIDGE JACK - FURNISHED AND INSTALLED

The Town of Wilmington submits this sealed bid to furnish and install **One (1) 4-Post Truck Lift with Bridge Jack - Furnished and Installed,** described in the specifications herein.

Such bids addressed to the Town of Wilmington and endorsed: **"One (1) 4-Post Truck Lift with Bridge Jack - Furnished and Installed"** will be received at the Wilmington Town Hall Manager's Office, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 until **10:00am on January 4, 2018,** at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time. Any bid received after the time and date specified will not be considered.

The bid and all documents submitted with it are public records.

Purchases by the Town of Wilmington are exempt from any Federal, State, Municipal and/or excise tax.

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to waive any formality and/or to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

The bid package sheets must be completed by bidder. The bid must be signed by bidder if bidder is an individual; by one of the partners if a partnership; by an authorized officer if a corporation.

Questions concerning this Invitation to Bid must be submitted in writing and emailed to JLobao@wilmingtonma.gov.
171538 12/6/17

Wilmington American Legion Post 136 happenings

Legion:

Post 136 will be hosting two Christmas parties on Dec. 16, 2017. The first party will be for children beginning at 1 p.m. Santa will be arriving at 1:30 p.m. with gifts for the kids. If you would like your child to receive a gift from Santa, please sign up them at the post.

The second party will be for adults only beginning at 6 p.m. It will be a great night of food, drinks and comradery.

Also there is a Toy's for Tots box set up at the Legion for donations. As we get wrapped up in the busy holiday season it is easy to forget about those who will be going without this year.

The next Legion meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 23, noon, at the Post.

A.L.A.:

New membership cards are in. Please see Julie to pay your dues for 2018 and get your new card.

S.A.L.:

New membership cards for the Sons are also in as well. Please see Derek to pay your dues for 2018 and get your new card.

Scouts:

Court of Honor will be held on Dec. 7 at the Masonic Hall.

On Dec. 17 Scouts will be part of the Toys for Tots. That will be 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Frank Wests office.

The troop is active and well, and also looking for a few more boys age 10 and up for camping and many exciting adventures. Boys do not have to be prior Cub Scouts to be eligible! Contact Frank West at 978-658-1754 or *Troop136Wilm@aol.com* for more info.

Post 136 has sponsored Cub Scout Pack 136 since 1970. We are currently seeking new parent leaders and boys to continue this proud tradition. The post will supply a meeting place and training.

We need are looking for adults and 6-9 year old boys looking for fun and new adventures. Contact Post 136 Commander, Bill Rowe at 978-447-1533 for more information.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises:
802 Lords Court,
Wilmington, MA

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jeannette Gordon and David Gordon to Fleet National Bank and now held by Bank of America, N.A. s/b/m Fleet National Bank, said mortgage dated December 3, 2004, and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 18274, Page 288; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on December 20, 2017 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

THAT CERTAIN PIECE OF PARCEL OF LAND, AND THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, KNOWN AS

IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX
AND STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS
AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 7989, PAGE 28

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated April 25, 1996, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 7989, Page 28.

TERMS OF SALE:
Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

Senior encumbrances which mortgage to be foreclosed is subject to:

Mortgage from Jeannette Gordon and David J. Gordon to Banknorth, N.A. in the original principal amount of $120,000.00 dated May 27, 2003, recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 15396, Page 250.

FIVE THOUSAND ($5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Shechtman Halperin Savage, LLP
1080 Main Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 272-1400
Attorney for
Bank of America, N.A s/b/m Fleet National Bank
Present Holder of the Mortgage
171473 11/22,29, 12/6/17

Police lauded for quality work

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liability, and enhances the reputation of the department within the community.

Town Manager Jeffrey Hull lauded the achievement, likening the accreditation to a stamp of recognition received by a business from the Better Business Bureau.

Selectman Greg Bendel noted the commitment of the department.

"Holidays are coming up," he said, and officers will be sacrificing a lot of time with their families keeping us safe."

Selectman Edward Loud agreed with the sentiment.

"Thank you chief. Thank you to you and your entire department."



Visitors of a different breed

Family and friends gathered at Peregrine's Landing Assisted Living in Tewksbury Saturday afternoon to welcome some unusual visitors — two seven-month old American Mini Horses. These horses were born and trained in Missouri — April on the left and Pearl on the right. They have their protective booties and diapers on so no mess or damage to the flooring occurs. These unique animals will live to the ripe old age of about 35 years. They make great companions and are very affectionate and easy to take care of. Pictured are Maria, Emily, Cameron and Billy Shea, Peregrine Receptionist Chantal Beldin and Executive Director Lynn Underhill, the patriarch of the family Maurice Dastous and his wife Carol Dastous (both are Peregrine residents). Carol Dastous grew up in Lawrence, Maurice in Lowell. They have been married almost 60 years. They have three children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Maurice is a veteran — was in the Air Force — Korean War. They both moved into Peregrine in February of 2016 where they have received so much kindness and love. With them are Julia Dastous, Matt and Dave, Grace Dastous-Marjorie Dastous, Carolyn and Art DiGiovine, daughter Kristen DiGiovine, Martha Dastous, Dave Dastous, and Steve Dastous.

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)



▲The Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce shares PEACE ON EARTH wishes to both the Wilmington & Tewksbury communities at their holiday tree lighting celebrations this past weekend. While a tradition in Wilmington for over 25 years, this was the first annual ice sculpture in Tewksbury and one of the many benefits of the recently expanded Chamber of Commerce. (Courtesy photo)

Harrassment policy due for review

POLICY FROM PAGE 1

Town Hall is actively pursuing changes to their harassment training policy, thanks to the work of Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director Denise Casey.

"Casey provided me with a revised draft of our policy," he said. "She's proposing that we include general harassment as well."

He maintained that creating a welcoming and safe workplace is a priority for the town.

Once these proposed revisions are confirmed, Hull expects a new round of trainings on the new policy for town employees.

– LEGAL NOTICE –

AUCTION INFORMATION
WILMINGTON, MA

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell at Public Auction on:

DECEMBER 14, 2017 • 1:00 PM

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WILMINGTON, MA 01887

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MACIEL DESOUZA - WOBURN, MA
SUSAN WALKER - MEDFORD, MA

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(1) To bid at the public auction; (2) To refuse any and all bids;
(3) To cancel the auction at any time for any reason. 11/29&12/6

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Enterprise Bank

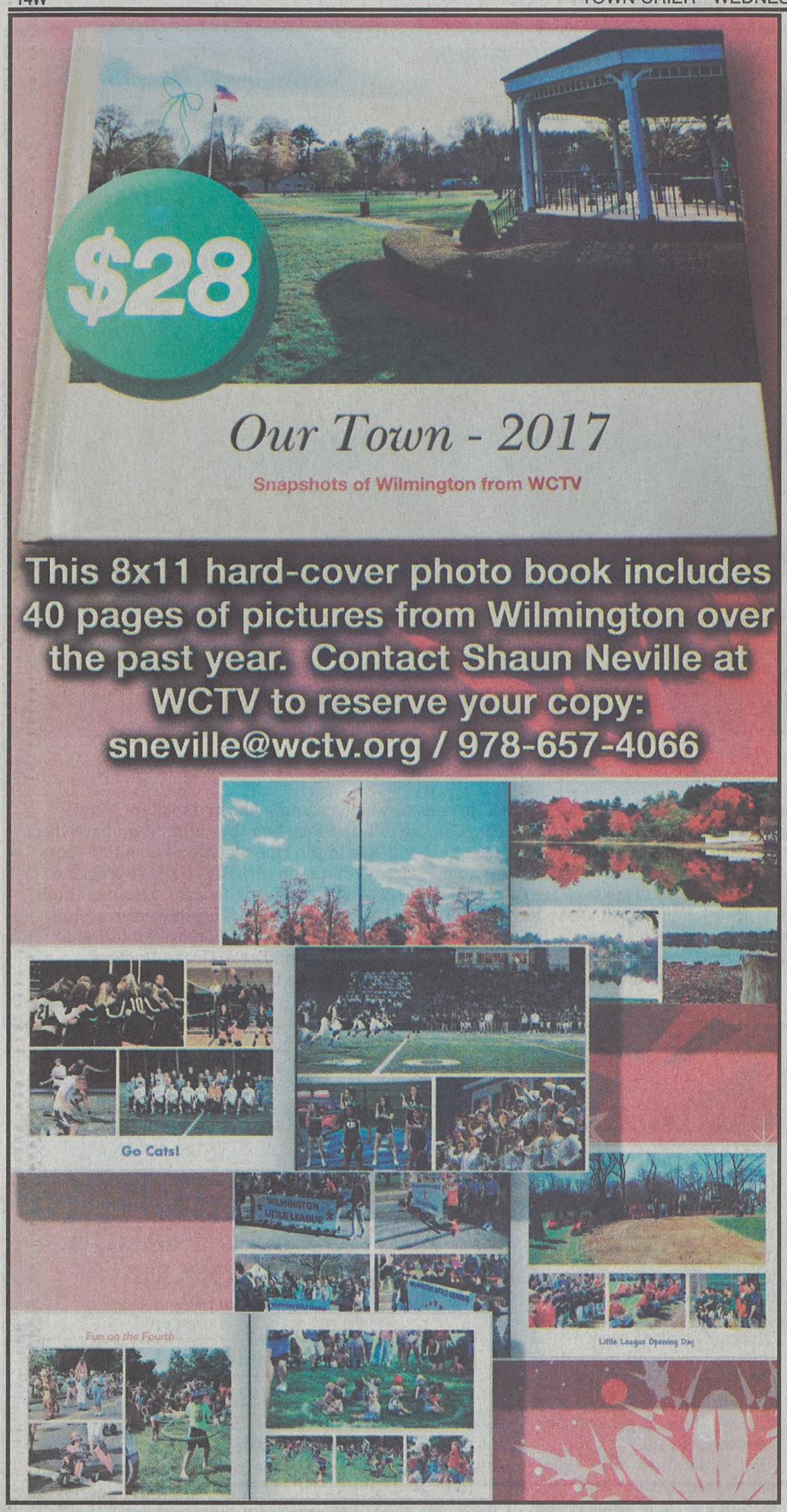
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Hello, Santa!

Makayla Costa, Olivia Dennett, Annabelle Kane, Isabel Manning Molly Duggan and Chase Andersen posed for a photo with Santa on Wilmington Common on Saturday evening. (Photo by Maureen Brady)

Town Meeting scheduled for December 16

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the agency and the close proximity of neighborhoods, playgrounds, and schools to the potential facility.

Both articles, as petitioned for by Michael McCoy and others, amend the language of section 3.4 of the Wilmington zoning bylaw. Article 1 amends the bylaw to exclude detox centers from permitted treatment and health centers delineated by the bylaw. Article 2 effectively does the opposite, by amending the bylaw to include detox centers in the "Hospitals and Nursing Homes" bylaw. Both articles seek to further specify in which zoning categories, specifically, a center used for detoxification from alcohol or controlled substances can be located in town.

Articles 3, 4, and 5 all relate to the sale of recreational marijuana in Wilmington. While this issue was originally scheduled for address at the regular Town Meeting, Hull suggested that this special town meeting "...affords us the opportunity to accept it."

The issue is time sensitive, as a current moratorium on the sale of recreational marijuana in town is set to expire on June 30, 2018.

Article 3 aims to prohibit marijuana sales through a zoning article, while Article 4 does the same through an inhabitant bylaw. This has been referred to by both Chairman Michael Champoux and Town Manager Jeffrey Hull as a "belt and suspenders" approach. Each provision serves as backup to the other, should one fail to pass or prove insufficient. Article 5 acts as a failsafe, and proposes extension of the moratorium through Dec. 31, 2018. This is an additional provision intended to afford the town time to research and discuss the issue.



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Ford Credit-$500
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$18,995
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#17-EXP88
Retail$35,250
Rebate.....-$3,300
Ford Credit-$500
Discount-$1,455
$29,995
LEASE SPECIAL $229 MO 36 Months $2999 CASH OR $1000 +0% 72 MONTHS IN LIEU OF REBATES

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Retail$37,785
Package Discount-$1,100
Rebate.....-$3,000
Ford Credit-$1,000
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2013 Hyundai Sonata Limited #17-ESC99A, Phantom Black Metallic, 48K miles $12,950	2013 Chevrolet Silverado LTZ #17-FUS75A, 1500, 4x4, White, 65K miles $24,895	2012 Toyota Tacoma 4x4 #17-F150105A, Blue 34K miles $26,990
2010 Ford Taurus Limited #17-FUS57A, AWD, Steel Blue Metallic, 52K miles $13,995	2014 Infiniti Q50 Premium #17-EXP154B, AWD, Moonlight White, 46K miles $24,950	2015 Ford Edge SEL AWD #7465, Guard, 37K miles. Certified! $26,990
2014 Ford Fusion SE #7472, Sterling Gray, 33K miles. Certified! $14,950	2014 Dodge Durango Limited #18-F15039A, AWD, Black, 54K miles $25,495	2013 Honda Pilot Touring #7498A, Res/Nav, 4x4, White, 33K miles $26,990
2015 Honda CR-V LX #17-F15065A, AWD, Gray, 23K miles $18,995	2013 Infiniti JX35 AWD #17-EXP149A, Liquid Platinum, 43K miles $25,550	2014 Ford Flex Limited #17-ESC124A, AWD, Black, 18K miles. Certified! $28,450
2016 Hyundai Tucson Limited #7509A, AWD, Black Noir Pearl, 23K miles $22,995	2014 Ford Explorer XLT AWD #7397, Tuxedo Black Metallic, 36K mi. Certified! $25,995	2015 Chevrolet Silverado LT #18-F15039A, 1500, 4x4, Black, 21K miles $29,450

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Wilmington SPORTS

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

24th annual Wilmington Town Crier's

Coach of the Year: Craig Turner

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor
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WILMINGTON – The last time a Wilmington High School Football coach was named the Town Crier's Coach of the Year, Craig Turner was two years removed from playing high school football himself.

Now 13 years later, he led the Wildcats to a truly magical season, turning a 3-8 record from a year ago to an 8-3 overall record, which included capturing the program's first ever playoff victory.

Along the way of the 11-week schedule, the 'Cats captured victories over the Division 5 Eastern Mass Finalists (Watertown), the Division 6 Eastern Mass Finalists (Stoneham), the State Vocational Finalists (Shawsheen Tech), as well as beating four other playoff teams including North Reading, Gloucester, Bedford and Wakefield.

The three losses came against the Division 3 Eastern Mass Finalists (Tewksbury), the Division 4 state champions (Melrose) and the Division 4 North sectional finalists (Marblehead).

Turner was named the program's tenth head coach back in February. He took over a program that had been struggling for a few years between lack of wins and morale. Athletic Director Tim Alberts said the latter part was extremely important and he thought that Turner made more of a difference there, than he did explaining X's and O's of his complicated offensive and defensive schemes on the chalkboard.

"I believe Coach Turner's success on the field came from his attention to team-building and efforts to promote a positive culture off the field," said Alberts. "The Wilmington High School Football team and staff started the season by participating in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge sponsored by the Wilmington Rotary Club. The whole program – 70+-plus students and coaches – participated in the annual event for the first time.

"The boys also donated over $300 for the Angel Fund for ALS Research. Coach Turner has also worked closely with the Wilmington Pop Warner program and has volunteered with students to assist and promote the program.

"Off the field, the behavior of the students in school has dramatically improved as well. The improvement in part can be attributed to how Coach Turner has worked well with school administration to hold the students accountable for their actions and improve the team culture."

Turner came to WHS after spending the previous four seasons as the head coach at Mystic Valley Charter School in Malden. Before he became the head coach, the program won nine games in ten years. In his four years, the program had a record of 28-15, won two Commonwealth Athletic Conference Small School titles and advanced to the sectional finals three straight years.

Turner took over a Wildcat program that had gone through five straight losing seasons – a combined 16-39 mark and had just one winning season since Wilmington joined the Middlesex League. When Turner became the coach here, he brought over almost his entire staff from MV, while adding Wilmington native Bobby Donaghue, who served as the offensive line coach. He said the staff deserves so much of the credit.

"I'm extremely grateful to be named Coach of the Year," said Turner. "I look at this type of honor as an award for my whole coaching staff. We have a great staff that puts the well being and success of our kids first always. Jimmy Rita, Sean Turner, Bob Donaghue, John Fortes, Mark Gentile, Jordan Bolarino, Charlie Turner and Tim Morrison. These guys put in countless hours away from their families to help our program and I can't thank them enough."

Turner didn't stop with there with the much deserved thank-yous and appreciation of support from others.

"I'd also like thank Athletic Director Tim Alberts and the rest of the administration at Wilmington High School. Their support and faith in me this past season was extremely helpful as a first year coach.

"Last and most importantly I have to thank my players. Great players, make great coaches and we had a lot of great players this past season. Our kids worked extremely hard and did everything we asked of them. They achieved more this season than most thought possible. I'm incredibly grateful to have been along for the ride."

That ride started out with wins over Bedford, Shawsheen and Wakefield, before falling to Melrose. The Wildcats then bounced back and defeated Watertown, a game that really turned the season into something special. Then came a sloppy win over Burlington, before the team's best performance of the season, a 34-6 trouncing over Stoneham.

The momentum carried into the playoffs with another thumping over Gloucester, 30-0, before falling in an epic game to Marblehead, 24-17.

Wilmington then concluded the season with a win over North Reading before falling to Tewksbury on Thanksgiving.

Throughout those games, Turner's spread-offense was a lot of fun to watch. The team constantly and consistently was able to move the ball down the field led by a balanced attack through the air or on the ground.

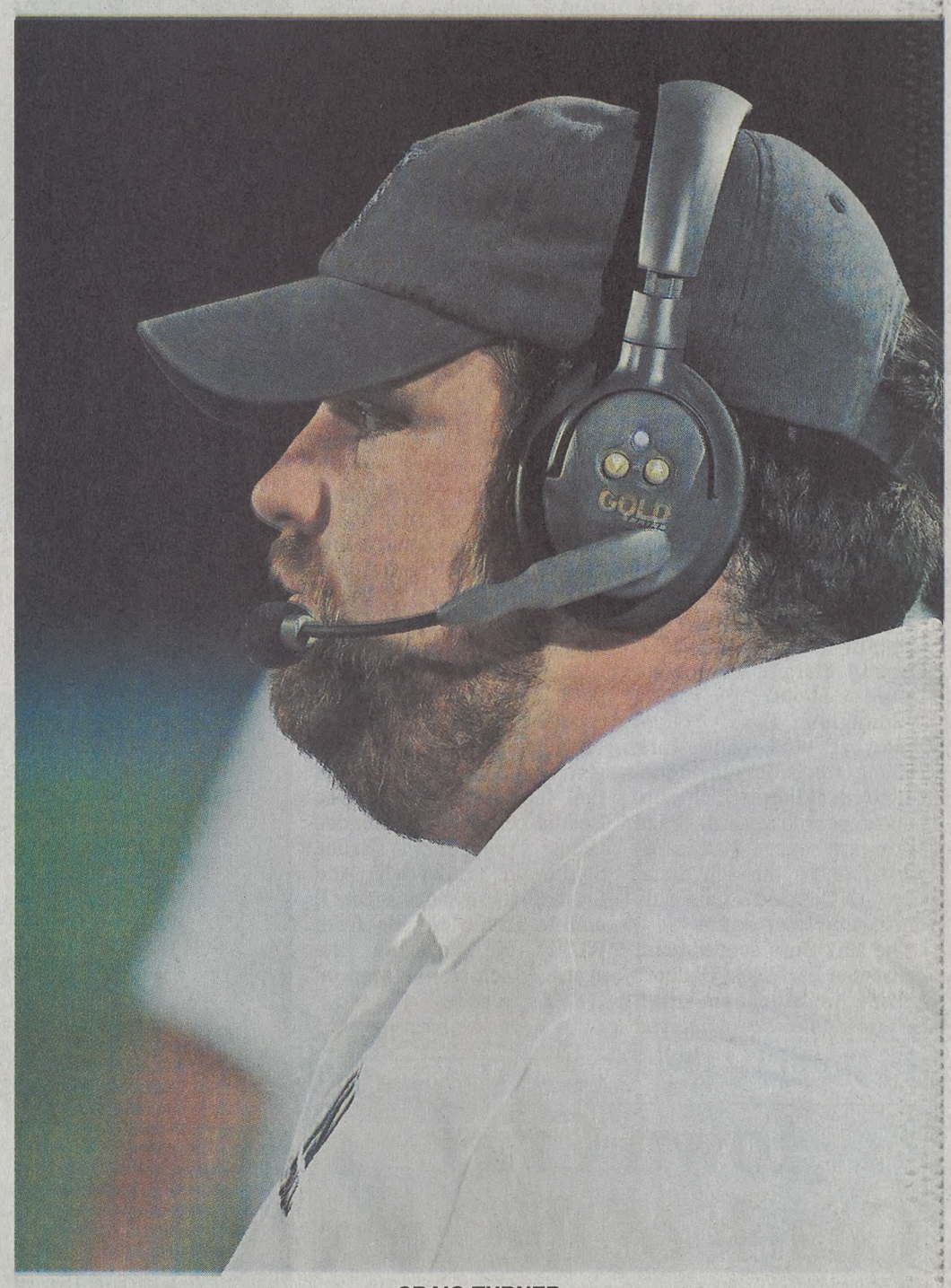
Defensively, the group got better and better every single week. The preparation for every opponent was top notch, the adjustments at halftime were incredible – seven teams were held scoreless in the second half of games this season.

Not only did the Wilmington team get better every week, so many different players stepped up and had huge roles in the success. The players bought in to what Turner was preaching and that plays such an important part to any high school program's success.

He said that's all thanks to the entire senior class led by All-Scholastic Tyler Roberts and fellow star players Graham Smith and John Kenney.

"Hats off to a great senior class as we're going to miss them," said Turner after the loss to Tewksbury. "We have to keep it rolling on. The seniors were an awesome group. When I took over (as coach) and looked at the roster and saw as many seniors as we

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Four WHS Fall Athletic teams awarded by the MIAA

On Nov. 30, 2017, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) honored the 2017 Wilmington High School cheer, boys soccer, girls soccer and volleyball teams with Educational Athletics Achievement Award for community service. The teams were officially recognized by MIAA Assistant Director, Rich Riley at the WHS auditorium.

Cheerleader Ashley Rooney, joined by Sam Belmonte, spoke about the community service that the 2017 Wilmington Cheerleading team performed in the fall. The team volunteered at Family Day for the Fourth of July, organized clothing donations for Hurricane Harvey victims, flashlight and battery donations for Hurricane Irma victims, raised money during breast cancer month and donated to an affected family (The Smith Strong), volunteered at National Police Night Out, and assisted Wilmington Pop Warner.

Accompanied by Volleyball Captain Lauren Field, Captain Morgan Bresnahan talked about the 2017 Wilmington High School Volleyball and their work raising funds for the Side-Out Foundation, which supports research towards Stage IV breast cancer. The teams raised $3,000 through donations, raffles and a bake sale during the Pink Game.

The 2017 Boys soccer team competed in "Kick Cancer" games vs Stoneham High School. The team raised money and awareness for the Hope and Friendship Metastatic Breast Cancer Foundation. Surrounded by fellow Captains Jon Sears and Joe Mirabella, Captain Riley Zaya spoke about the team's initiative saying, "Playing sports is one thing we all get to enjoy, but being able to contribute off the field is something we enjoy even more."

Dana Goulet spoke about the 2017 girls soccer team's work during the Kick Cancer games to support the Hope and Friendship Metastatic Breast Cancer Foundation. The team raised money through donations, online team store sales, and bake sales. Goulet was joined on stage by Liz Gordon, Olivia Wingate, Jill Roche, and Bella Granara.

WHS Athletic Director Tim Alberts was proud that every WHS athletic team performed community service and thanked the students and parents for their hard work giving back and being "Wildcats For Others". Alberts thanked Superintendent Paul Ruggiero and Principal Linda Peters for their support and for attending the ceremony.

Special thanks was also given to the head coaches of the four teams, Amanda Beddia (cheer), Sue Hendee (girls soccer), Bruce Shainwald (volleyball) and Steve Scanlon (boys soccer), and to Shaun Neville from WCTV for covering the event, which can be seen on WCTV's website.



On Thursday, the WHS Boys Soccer team was presented with the MIAA Sportsmanship Award. The group includes front row from left: Kevin Souza, Noah Ferrer, Chris Grecco and Riley Zaya; and back row from left, Sean Braz, Jason Spizuoco, Andrew Days, Aidan McGrath, Jon Sears, Diego Garcia, Cam Martin, Alec Masiello, Troy Riekstins, Justin Kahlman, Ankur Neogi, Marcus Barnes, Joey Mirabella, Chris Spinazola, Joey Rebeiro, Mark Rogomentich, Kyle Collins and MIAA Ass't Director Rich Riley. Not pictured: Owen Surette. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The MIAA Sportsmanship Award was presented to the WHS Cheerleading team on Thursday. The group includes back row from left, Coach Amanda Beddia, Alison Celata, Amy Vicente, Chloe McCauley, Toni Brunetto, Shannon Barrett, Kaitlyn Gillespie, Kaitlyn Howland, Sophia Maynard, Abby Silveira, Jessica Hayduk, Allie Ford, Abby Callahan, Britney Mallebranche. Kneeling includes Captain Ashley Rooney and Captain Samantha Belmonte.
(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Town Crier Coach of the Year

2017	Craig Turner	Football
2016	Brian Schell	Girls Track
2015	Leanne Ebert	Field Hockey
2014	Aldo Caira	Baseball
2013	Steve Scanlon & Sue Hendee	Hoc/Soccer
2012	Steve Scanlon	Boys Hockey
2011	Steve Scanlon	Boys Hockey
2010	Al Costabile	Shawsheen Football
2009	Jodi MacKenzie	Field Hockey
2008	Steve Scanlon	Hockey/Soccer
2007	Jim McCune	Boys Basketball
2006	Jay Keane	Girls Basketball
2005	Joe McMahon	Girls Hockey
2004	Bob Almeida	Football
2003	Sue Hendee	Girls Soccer
2002	Jim McCune	Boys Basketball
2001	Mike Pimental	Wrestling
2000	Steve Scanlon	Hockey/Soccer
1999	Steve Scanlon	Hockey
1998	Dick Scanlon	Baseball/Soccer
1997	Dick Scanlon	Baseball/Soccer
1996	Bob Almeida	Football
1995	Jim McCune	Boys Basketball
1994	Paul Lyman	Softball

Coach of the 2000-'09 decade - Steve Scanlon
Coach of the 90s decade: Paul Lyman - Softball

Coach of the Year: Turner

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had, I thought 'not for nothing but this has the potential of being OK'. We had a lot of older kids who had played a lot of football, so this was a tough group. They showed up everyday. We didn't have any problems of kids not showing up to practices. We are there every single day and those kids were the leaders of the group.

"I'm going to miss them and I hope that we kind of learn from how they did things and put that to work going forward."



Last Thursday, the WHS Girls Soccer team was awarded the MIAA Sportsmanship Award. The group includes: kneeling from left, Jill Roche, Gina Mastrorilli, Madi Grace, Dana Goulet, Kayla Bourrell and Lindsey Amazeen; back row from left, Coach Sue Hendee, Bella Granara, Coach Shane Kligerman, Jenna Sweeney, Amber Flynn, Cassidy Collins, Annie Wingate, Liz Gordon, Devin Lawrence, Olivia Rourke, Jocelyn Palmer, Jessie McCullough, Olivia Wingate and MIAA Associate Director, Mr. Rich Riley. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Keane appointed Malden Catholic Girls Hoop Coach

Former Wilmington High School Girls' Basketball coach Jay Keane announced on Monday through social media that he has accepted the position of head girls basketball coach at Malden Catholic. The school recently announced that it would be going co-ed with the first female class coming in September of 2018.

Keane said on Facebook that "MC is going co-divisional with boys and girls in the same building but both schools remaining separate with their own principal, etc. This is an exciting opportunity to help MC girls an elite basketball program."

Keane joins former WHS Boys' Basketball coach Jim McCune at MC. McCune is entering his fifth season as the Lancers' coach, reaching the state tournament each of the first four years. The WHS Hall of Fame Coach has won over 400 games in his career.

Keane coached under McCune for a number of years in the WHS Boys' program before taking the head girls position for eight years, resigning after the 2013 season.

Keane compiled a record of 120-60, won a league title, captured a sectional finalist trophy, made eight state tournament appearances and coached Ashley Vitale, who surpassed 1,000 career points at WHS and Endicott College, while, Amy Fahey and Michelle Woods, who both surpassed the plateau in college as well.

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On Thursday, the WHS Volleyball team was presented the MIAA Sportsmanship Award by MIAA Associate Director, Rich Riley. The group includes: kneeling from left, Anna Rideout, Raegan Sweeney, Jessie Ding and Kaili Lamb; and back row from left: Naomi Layon, Brittany Cimaglia, Maeve Cadogan, Gianna Brunetto, Antonia Kieran, Savannah Andersen, Lauren Field, Morgan Bresnahan, Amanda Mercier, Ashley Salerno, Michaela O'Brien and Riley. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Cheerleaders enjoying incredible season

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While all of the teams at Wilmington High were very busy this fall, it would be hard to find a team that had a busier schedule than the Wildcats Cheerleading team, who in addition to their duties on game days, were kept plenty busy with competitions, fundraisers and community work.

The Wildcats season started off strong with a first place finish at the Dracut Invitational, and a third place finish at the Billerica Invitational. They followed that up by winning the Freedom & Liberty Middlesex League Grand Champions for their first fall league title since 2010, and then earning a fourth place finish at both the North Regionals and the state competition.

Their performance at the state competition was good enough to qualify the Wildcats for a bid to Nationals, which will be held in Dallas, Texas on January 27th and 28th.

In addition to their competitions, the cheerleaders also found time to give back to the community, participating in events such as Fun on the Fourth-Family day where they ran the games for the kids and National Police Night Out where they supervised the various activities to help it run smoothly.

They also hosted their second annual Cheerleader For a Day event that almost doubled in size from last year, and hosted their second Wildcat Invitational on November 4th.

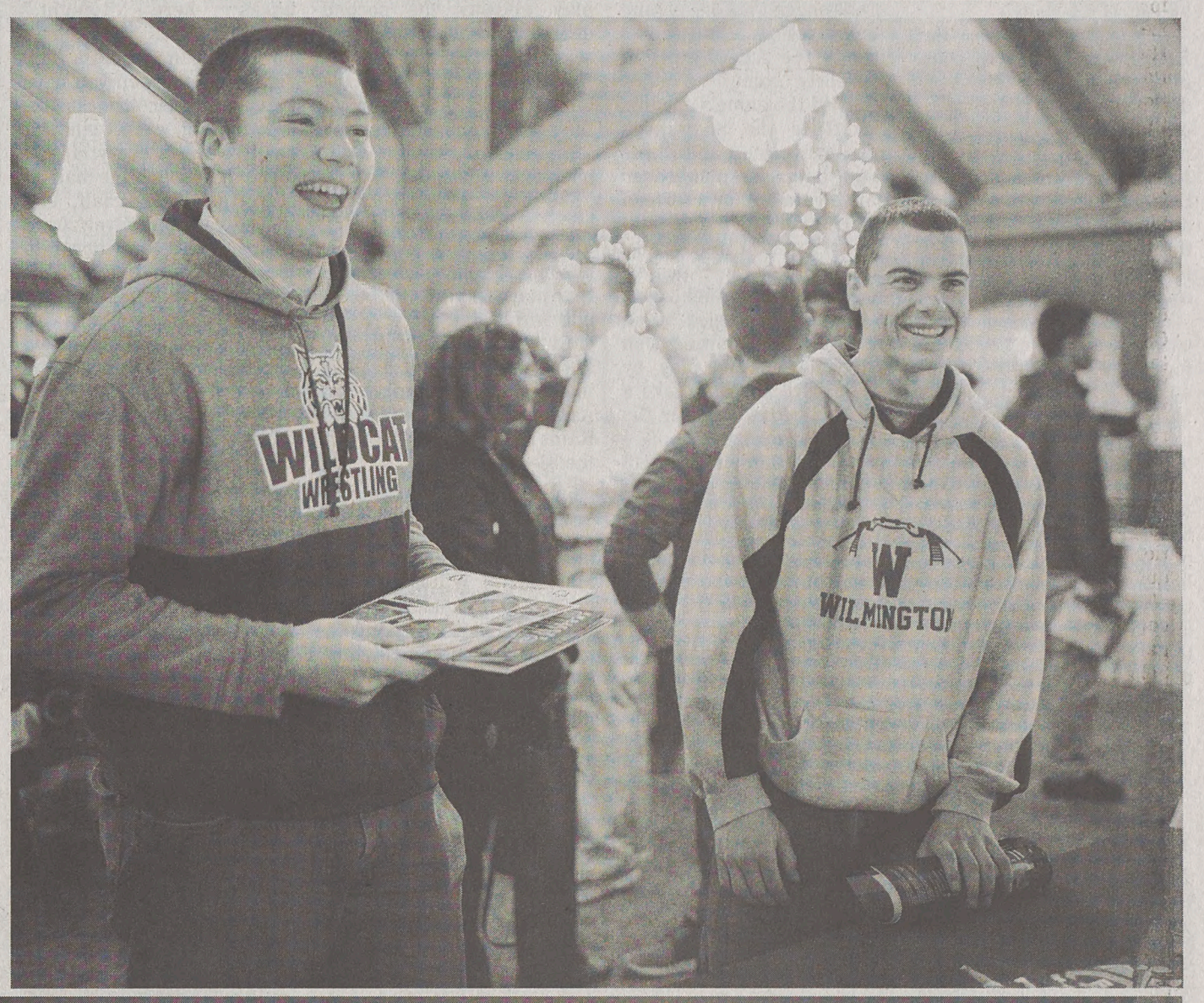
The Wildcats efforts also extended beyond the local borders, as they also collected clothing for Hurricane Harvey Victims and shipped them to Texas, collected flashlights and batteries for Hurricane Irma Victims and shipped them to Puerto Rico and raised money during the breast cancer football game and donated it to an affected family in town.

The Wildcats were recognized for their outstanding efforts by earning the MIAA Award for Excellence in Community Service.

Even with all the work they have already done, the Wildcats are still working hard at their fundraising efforts and are looking for corporate sponsors to help cut the costs of their trip to Dallas for Nationals.

The team includes: Coach Amanda Beddia, Alison Celata, Amy Vicente, Chloe McCauley, Toni Brunetto, Shannon Barrett, Kaitlyn Gillespie, Kaitlyn Howland, Sophia Maynard, Abby Silveira, Jessica Hayduk, Allie Ford, Abby Callahan, Britney Mallebranche, Captain Ashley Rooney and Captain Samantha Belmonte.





Cheerleaders/Recruiting Night

Top right, the WHS Cheerleading team enjoys the Middlesex League Championship trophy; and bottom right, seniors Paxton Cook, left, and Jason Vallee enjoy a laugh while chatting with a recruiter during the annual College Football Recruiting night held Tuesday at the Tewksbury Country Club.



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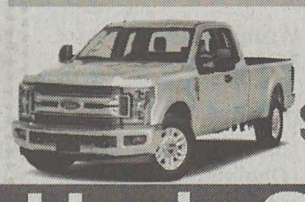
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State Vocational Championship Game

Shawsheen defeated in a classic football game

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BILLERICA - All season long, the Shawsheen Tech Football team had shown themselves to be resilient group, seemingly playing their best football when their backs were against the wall, taking their game to a higher level when they needed it most.

Last Thursday night, in the MIAA Large School Vocational Championship game against Assabet Valley Tech at Cassidy Field, it looked like the Rams were ready to do it again, as they battled back from an early 14-0 deficit to tie the game at halftime.

This time, however, the Rams were unable to complete the comeback as they dropped a 28-20 heartbreaker to Assabet in a game that much like their Division 6 North semi-final loss to Stoneham, will go down as an instant classic, albeit one that the Rams might prefer to forget, at least for the moment.

After falling into their early 14-0 hole, the Rams fought back to tie the game at 20-20 at the end of the first half, but were unable to get into the end zone in the second half.

"I was very proud of them to come back and battle back like that, and get back in the game and tie it up at halftime, and then to be getting the ball to start the second half. I thought we might have chance to go up on them," Shawsheen coach Costabile said. "But we didn't score in the second half, and if you are in a tie game and don't score in the second half, you are not going to win."

Assabet quarterback Justin Phillips scored the game winning touchdown, his second of the game, with 2:11 left in the game, capping a 13-play, 60-yard drive. The touchdown, coupled with the ensuing two- point conversion gave the Aztecs a 28-20 lead. The Rams, led by senior quarterback Cody Sughrue of Tewksbury, who threw two touchdown passes and ran for another on the night, moved into Assabet territory on their final possession, but an interception by the Aztecs with 1:28 left ended the Rams threat.

Shawsheen (8-5) found themselves in a quick 14-0 hole to the Aztecs (9-4) in the early going. Phillips returned the game's opening kickoff to the Shawsheen three-yard line, and three plays later, he plunged in from a yard out for a 6-0 lead just 1:19 into the game.

They would extend their lead on their next possession, going on an eight play, 58-yard drive, capped by an eight-yard touchdown run on a fourth and one play by Michael DiPlacido to take a 14-0 lead with 5:06 left in the opening quarter.

It was certainly starting to look like it was going to be a long night for the Rams, but much as he had done in the Rams playoff matchup with Stoneham, Sughrue simply began to take over the game for Shawsheen, starting with the ensuing possession.

The drive got off to a great start, with Sam Baker returning the Assabet kickoff to the Aztecs 37-yard line. From there Sughrue and Baker took over, with a 20-yard run by Sughrue and a nine- yard run by Baker giving them a first and goal at the eight-yard line. Sughrue (14 carries, 100 yards) did the rest from there, scoring on an eight-yard quarterback draw, and then also running in the two-point conversion to pull the Rams within 14-8 with 3:01 left in the quarter.

Assabet, however, would extend their lead to 20-8 on the ensuing possession, going on a time consuming 13-play, 55-yard drive capped off by a one-yard touchdown pass from Phillips to Ryan Taylor on a fourth and goal play midway the second quarter. Assabet took possession with 2:54 left in the first quarter, and kept the ball until the 6:54 mark of the second quarter.

Shawsheen would fight back once again, however,

Shawsheen would respond once again, scoring very quickly, this time as a result of some big plays, going on a four-play 68-yard drive to pull within one score. A 15-yard run by Sughrue, followed by a 15-yard pass interference penalty on Assabet suddenly had the Rams in Assabet territory at the 38-yard line.

Two plays later Sughrue (127 yards passing and 2 TD's) connected with sophomore wide receiver Josiah Martinez of Wilmington for a 38-yard touchdown pass, with Martinez making a spectacular leaping catch at the ten-yard line and then dodging tacklers on the way to the end zone to bring the Rams within 20-14 with 5:14 left in the half after the failed two-point conversion.

The Rams tied it up late in the half on another Sughrue touchdown pass, this time from 25 yards out, to junior receiver Adam Quinones, who made a great catch off his own at the 15-yard line and then out raced everyone else into the end zone. The extra point kick failed and the score stood 20-20 as the teams went to the half.

The entire game, and the first half in particular showcased the talents of both quarterbacks, as both Sughrue for the Rams and Phillips for the Aztecs, were nothing short of spectacular.

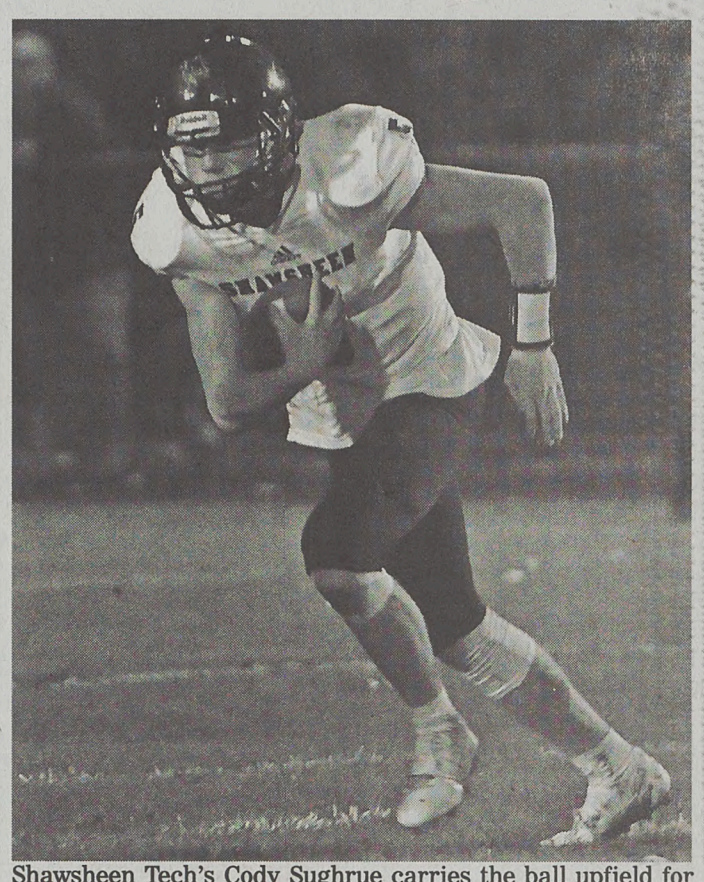
"We had two great quarterbacks here tonight," Costabile said. "It shows how that can elevate a high school game when you have two great quarterbacks like that, one on each team. It really elevates everything."

The Rams got the ball to start the second half, and moved very effectively from their 35-yard line down to the Assabet 24, but Phillips, who was seemingly everywhere for the Aztecs all night long, picked off a Sughrue pass to thwart the drive.

"We did such a great job battling back to get back in the game and tie it up at halftime, and then to be getting the ball to start the second half" Costabile said. "We had some good momentum going until we turned the ball over. I thought we would have a chance to go up on them for the first time in the game."

While the heartbreaking loss was a tough way for the season to end for the Rams, it could not diminish all that the team accomplished this season. From winning the CAC Large title by going undefeated in the league, to advancing to the Division 6 North sectional semi-finals where they nearly pulled a huge upset over eventual sectional champ Stoneham, to winning their 17th consecutive Collins Cup with a win over Greater Lowell on Thanksgiving, it was a season to remember for the Rams, even though Costabile says it might take a while for the players to realize that.

"I think probably they will realize it at the breakup banquet in a couple of weeks," Costabile said. "Things start to shake out a little at that point, and you seem to reflect a little differently on things when you've got a couple of weeks to think about it. It was a great season. They were very resilient all season."

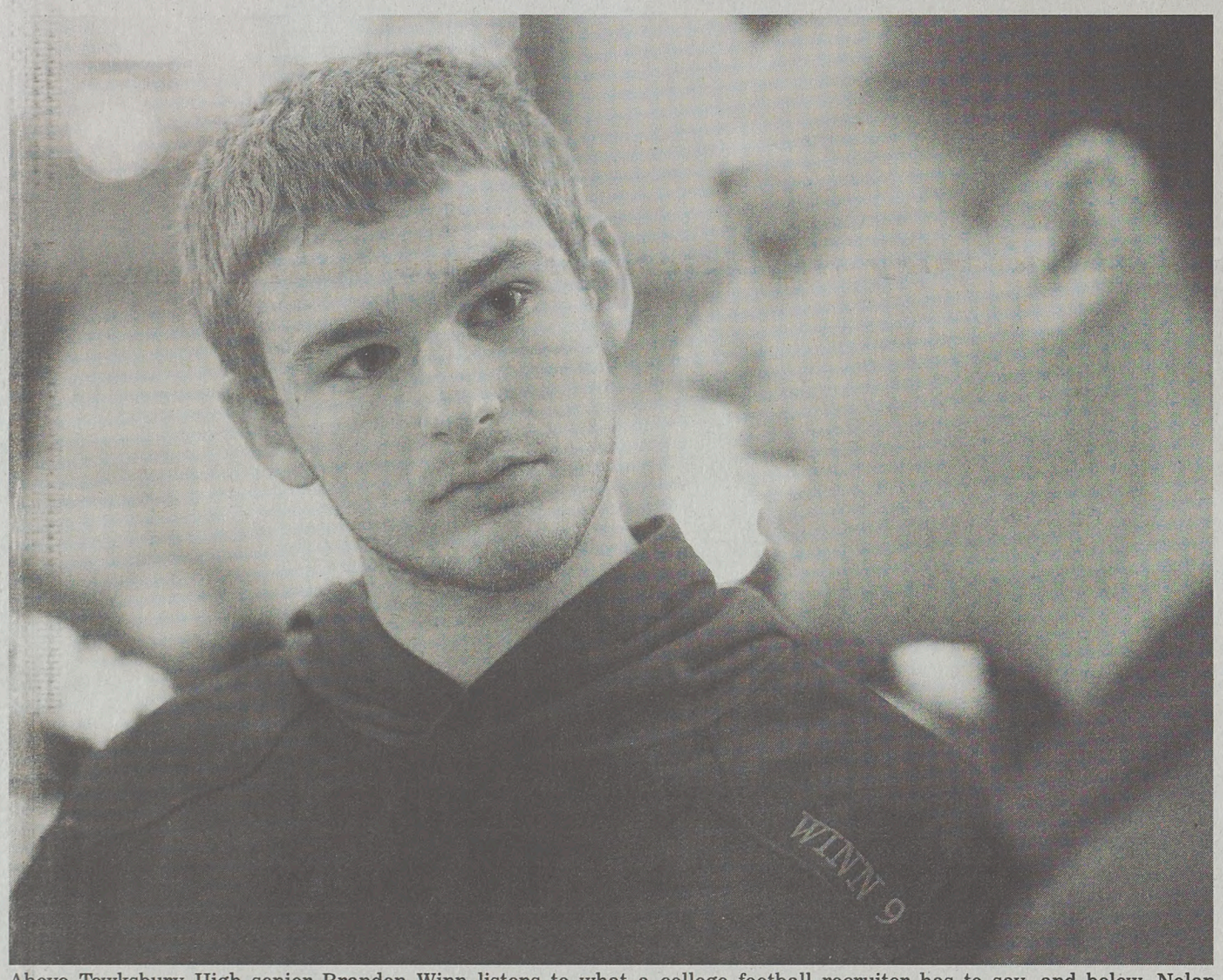


Shawsheen Tech's Cody Sughrue carries the ball upfield for the Rams during a recently played football game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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Al Costabile has been named the Commonwealth Athletic Conference's Large School Coach of the Year.

Seven of his players were selected Large School all-stars including senior QB/DB Cody Sughrue, senior LB Mark Companeschi, senior LB Brendan Studley, senior WR/DE Chris Lucas, senior WR/DB Patrick Baker, senior OL/LB Anthony Medeiros and junior RB Shawn Powderly.



Above Tewksbury High senior Brandon Winn listens to what a college football recruiter has to say, and below, Nolan Kavanaugh and his mother Robin do the same during Tuesday night's College Football Recruiting Night held at the Tewksbury Country Club.



TMHS Boys Hoop team to play a fundraising game in honor of Officer Tarentino

On December 22, 2017 the Tewksbury Boys Varsity Basketball team will be playing Auburn High School at Tewksbury Memorial High School as part of a very special evening bringing together multiple communities to honor Officer Ronald Tarentino.

Game time is 7:00 pm. A Friends and Family Reception begins at 6:00 pm with a Memorial Ceremony at 6:45 pm sharp on Center Court.

This is not a fundraiser but rather a chance for the Town of Tewksbury, where Ron grew up, played basketball and graduated high school, to honor him. It is also an opportunity to bring together the Communities of Tewksbury, Auburn, Leicester, and Medford. All of which Ron and his family have either served or live in and have had such a positive influence.

Although the evening to honor Ron is not a fundraiser, we are soliciting sponsors and donations so we can build a memorial for Ron in the Town of Tewksbury. We are also grateful that the boys high school varsity team from Auburn has agreed to play the game and that the Communities of Leicester and Medford will also help us honor Ron and his family that evening.

Please consider making a donation or assisting us by sponsoring this tribute to Ron.

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Finally, anyone that ever met Ron knew it was his ambition to serve the Community that led him to a career in law enforcement, first in the City of Leicester and later in the Town of Auburn. He epitomized what Tewksbury and other Communities throughout the Commonwealth strive to achieve and instill in all our citizens: that sense of belonging, safety, and security, and a Community where people help each other.

Ron contributed to that every day, like all police officers, through his strong sense of Community, commitment to helping others, and his moral sense of duty. It was this sense of duty, along with his willingness to give his life in pursuit of these ideals that make him a hero.

We are forever grateful and will never forget!

Please consider making a donation, sponsoring this great night, or joining us on December 22, 2017 to help us honor his sacrifice.

If you would like to donate, please call Mark Kratman at 978-726-2912.

Cook to wrestle in charity event

The Middlesex League and the Merrimack Valley Conference have joined up for a fundraising night of wrestling, with proceeds to benefit 'PinCancer'.

The event will feature the best wrestlers from both leagues in an exhibition dual meet which will be held on Thursday, December 7th at Burlington High School. Tickets are $5 per person and can be purchased at the door.

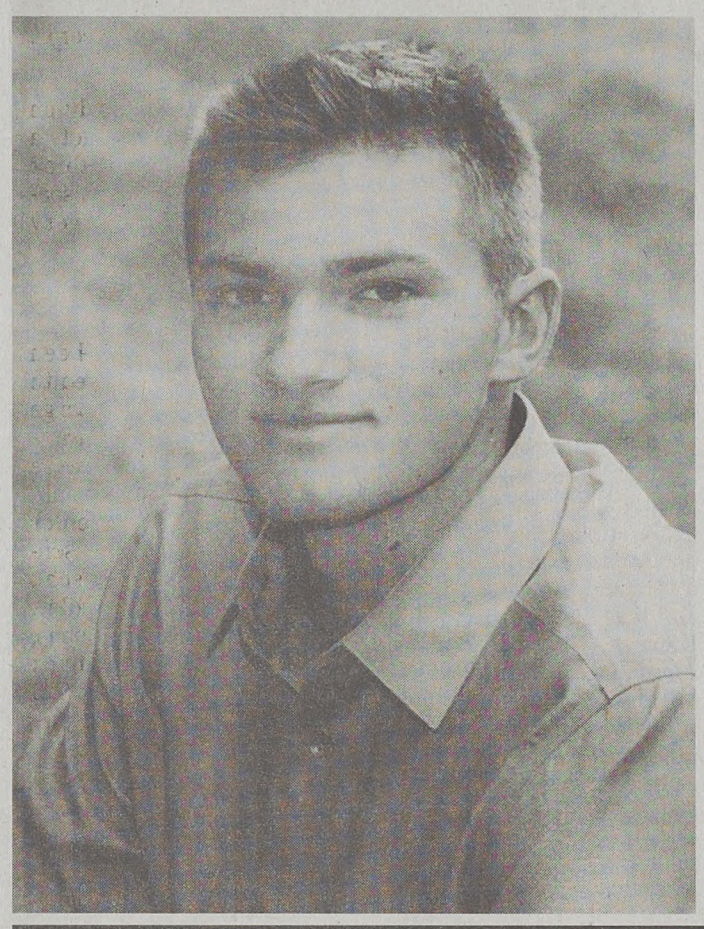
The coaches will consist of Rocky Bleiler of Melrose and Larry Tremblay of Winchester for the Middlesex League, and Jamie Durkin (Central Catholic), Bill James (Methuen) and Bruce Rich (Chelmsford) on the MVC side.

On the mat representing Wilmington will be heavyweight Paxton Cook. Last year he was undefeated in the Middlesex League and won the Middlesex League Championship title. Smith placed fourth at last year's Division 1 North Sectional Meet and then was fifth at the D1 state meet.

Aucoin and Lord among graduates of Youth Hockey



JARRED AUCOIN



This is a first in a series of article celebrating Wilmington Youth Hockey's graduating class of seniors. This year, WYH will graduate 14 boys from the organization. The organization is proud of the entire group of seniors. Many many years ago, the boys were given a jersey with a "W" on the chest and they leave youth hockey with a "W" on their chest. Some would never leave and others took many travels but in the end they finished representing Wilmington because they started a Wildcat and will always be a Wildcat.

This year, Wilmington Youth Hockey will graduate Ryan St Jean, Bobby Lord, AJ McKearney, Micheal DuCharme, Jarred Aucoin, Calvin Stafford, Steve Bowker, Nate Demico, Max Shapiro, Tom Worob, Joey Mirabella, Tom Robarge and Dylan Bresnahan.

This week's edition: Jarred Aucoin and Bobby Lord

Jarred Aucoin

The physically imposing but puck moving defenseman, Jared Aucoin is a coaches favorite. He is always a player to step up when asked and always a player to answer a request with two words, "OK Coach".

Endurance? Jarred has that and some, this coach twice asked him to play an entire game without ever taking a rest. Jarred's reaction, "I don't need breaks. Lets play". Sacrificing self for the team comes easy to Aucoin. This coach will also never forget Jarred showing up the second team games as a top team player simply because he loves to play hockey. In those games, Jarred was just one of the boys playing an egoless game.

Although he plays with an edge, he is a personable young man. He could say just about anything to a referee after a controversial call or non-call because he was able to affably talk to the referees without ever getting their ire. Besides, he always has something to say.

The Aucoin family were staples of the Wilmington youth organization. Jarred started his career at four years old in the Buzzer's program. Dad Joe was able to coach Jared for many years. Jarred credits his father's coaching as one of the biggest reasons for his hockey success.

Jarred has also found great success on the baseball field. He was an integral piece to the high schools great State run of the past year. This year, the slick fielding first baseman with good lefty pop will have high expectations on the Wildcat diamond.

Jarred's youth hockey career comes to an end winning his highest achievement, the U18 State Championship at the top Midget level. Jarred has big plans of continued greatness hoping for Stare titles in hockey and baseball in the coming season.

Next year, Jarred plans to attend college and focus on Construction Management. Ultimately, Jarred hopes to take over his father's business and build on his success.

Jarred thanks his father Joe and mom Gail for their many sacrifices enabling him to play hockey.

Bobby Lord

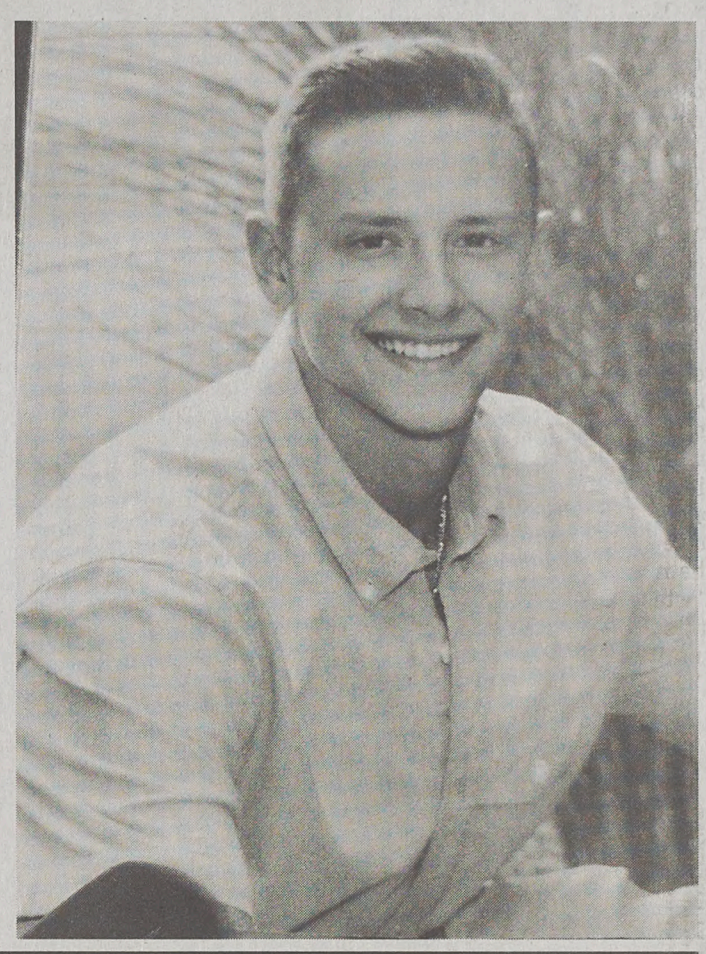
Toughness comes in many forms, most commonly thought of in the form of big muscles or bone crunching hits but it is not true. Toughness comes from within you're heart and Bobby Lord has true toughness.

Last year Bobby suffered a gruesome and major head injury. After a lengthy stay in the hospital and missing

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Tewksbury Pee Wee AAA's keep on winning



The Tewksbury Pee Wee AAA team includes in front, Team Manager Paul Oppedisano; back from left, Jakob Utter, Matthew Cooke, Nick Calouro, James Kierce, Conor Cremin, Collin Strong, Brian Cronin, Nick DiCioccio, Nolan Dawson, Brady Chapman, Joey Bourgea, Cooper Robillard and Matthew Doherty. (courtesy photo).

The Jr. Redmen Pee Wee AAA Hockey Team wrapped up a busy ten game stretch in nine days by winning the Hoffman Pee Wee Tournament. The Jr. Redmen went 7-1-2 over the ten games to improve their overall season record to 21-5-3.

The boys began their busy stretch of games by competing in the North American Fall Championships in Marlboro, MA over Thanksgiving weekend. The Jr. Redmen were the only town team in the entire tournament, playing against a Tier 1 Club Teams. The boys went 2-0-2 through the round-robin portion of the tournament before losing in the Championship Game.

On Friday November 24th the Jr. Redmen opened the tournament with a 3-3 tie against the host Minuteman Flames Tier 1 team. The locals jumped out to an early lead as Matthew Cooke jumped on a rebound and fired it off the left post and into the back of the net, assist to Brady Chapman. The Flames tied the game 1-1 but Nick Calouro scored to regain the lead, assists to Joey Bourgea and Matthew Cooke.

The Flames had a number of great scoring chances late in the first period but big saves from Brian Cronin kept the Flames off the scoreboard.

The second period was a back-and-forth battle. The Flames were unable to penetrate the rock solid defense played by James Kierce, Cooper Robillard, and Collin Strong. The Flames scored two goals early in the third period to take a 3-2 lead but the Jr. Redmen battled right back as Conor Cremin scored with 3:26 left in the game to tie the game 3-3, assists to Adam Ellegood and Andrew Duval.

The Flames had some late pressure to take the lead but Jr. Redmen goalie Jakob Utter made two huge saves to keep the game tied 3-3.

Back at the rink for their second game of the day, the Jr. Redmen battled the Maine Moose 2005 Elite team and left the rink with a well-deserved 1-0 win. The Moose had the early pressure but Brian Cronin made a series of saves to keep the game scoreless through the first period.

The Jr. Redmen got their legs moving in the second period and took a 1-0 lead on a powerplay goal by Matthew Cooke, assists to Brady Chapman and Conor Cremin. The 3rd period was a classic hard-fought, fast-paced battle with both teams creating A+ scoring chances. Jakob Utter made two big saves late in the game to secure the 1-0 shutout win for the Jr. Redmen.

On Saturday morning November 25th the locals were back on the ice to battle the Springfield Jr. Thunderbirds Tier 1 team. The Jr. Redmen took a 1-0 lead midway through the first period when Matthew Doherty scored on a pretty backhander, assists to James Kierce and Cooper Robillard.

Matthew Cooke increased the lead to 2-0 on a powerplay goal midway through the first period with assists going to Joey Bourgea and Andrew Duval. The Thunderbirds battled back and cut the lead to 2-1 but some big saves from Jakob Utter kept the score 2-1 at the end of one period.

The Jr. Redmen regained their two-goal lead when Nick Calouro fired a rebound home, assists to Brady Chapman and Conor Cremin. The Jr. Redmen got great defensive efforts from Cooper Robillard, James Kierce, and Collin Strong along with some big saves from Jakob Utter late in the game to leave the rink with a 3-2 win.

On Saturday evening November 25th the Jr. Redmen skated to a 4-4 tie with the Hartford Jr. Wolfpack Tier 1 team. The Wolfpack jumped out to an early lead as they scored 2:14 into the game. The Jr. Redmen battled right back on a powerplay goal by Matthew Cooke, assists to Conor Cremin and Brady Chapman. Conor Cremin scored 1:49 later to give the locals a 2-1 lead, assists to Adam Ellegood and Brady Chapman.

The Wolfpack scored two quick goals in the 2nd period to take a 3-2 lead. The Jr. Redmen battled back and tied the game 3-3 on a Matthew Cooke goal, assists to Matthew Doherty and Collin Strong. The Wolfpack regained the lead early in the 3rd period but once again the Jr. Redmen fought back to tie the game on a call by Andrew Duval, assists to James Kierce and Cooper Robillard. Jakob Utter made a huge save with under one minute to play to secure the 4-4 tie and a spot in the Championship Game on Sunday.

On Sunday November 26th the Jr. Redmen skated against the Minuteman Flames Tier 1 team in a rematch for the tourney championship. This was another fast-paced, back and forth battle between two evenly matched teams, with the Flames winning 4-3. Brady Chapman gave the Jr. Redmen an early 1-0 lead as he beat the Flames' goalie with a wrister, assists to Conor Cremin and Adam Ellegood. The Flames tied the game late in the first period on a powerplay goal.

The Jr. Redmen regained the lead 4:10 into the second period on a goal by Matthew Cooke, assists to Joey Bourgea and Nick Calouro. The Flames scored two goals to take a 3-2 lead.

The third period opened up with the Jr. Redmen on the attack. Matthew Doherty scored 5:23 into the final period to tie the game 3-3, assists going to James Kierce and Cooper Robillard. With time winding down, both teams had great scoring chances to take the lead.

With 1:31 left in the game the Flames scored off a mad scramble in front of the Jr. Redmen net for the 4-3 lead. The Jr. Redmen pulled their goalie and nearly tied the game as Matthew Cooke's wrister from the left slot rang off the far post.

After a few days of rest the Jr. Redmen were back on the ice skating in the Hoffman Pee Wee Tournament in Natick.

On Friday December 1st the Jr. Redmen Pee Wee AAA hockey team skated to a 3-0 win over the Parkway Hawks. The locals came out flying and took an early 1-0 lead as Nick Calouro finished off a pretty passing play by firing a one-timer into the back of the net, assists to Conor Cremin and Brady Chapman. Joey Bourgea increased the lead to 2-0 with 2:32 left in the first period, assists to Matthew Cooke and Nick DiCioccio. Parkway went on the attack but great defense from Collin Strong, Cooper Robillard, and James Kierce, along with some big saves from Jakob Utter kept the 2-0 lead intact.

The Jr. Redmen increased their lead to 3-0 early in the third period when Matthew Doherty banged in a rebound, assists to Matthew Cooke and Joey Bourgea. The locals controlled play in the third period and left the rink with a 3-0 win.

On Saturday December 2nd the Jr. Redmen skated to a convincing 6-1 win over Amherst. Once again the Jr. Redmen set the tone early scoring three goals in the first five minutes of the game. Conor Cremin got the scoring started just 47 seconds into the game, assists to Nick Calouro and Brady Chapman. Cremin scored his 2nd goal of the game just 1:37 later scoring on the power play, assists to Cooper Robillard and James Kierce. Matthew Cooke closed out the early scoring barrage firing a nasty slapshot past the Amherst goalie, assists on the goal going to Collin Strong and Matthew Doherty.

Amherst had a series of scoring chances early in the second period but Jr. Redmen goalie Jakob Utter made a number of highlight reel saves to maintain the three-goal lead. Collin Strong scored on the power-play from the right point, assist to Brady Chapman and Joey Bourgea. Nick Calouro then scored to make the lead 5-0, assist to Brady Chapman.

After an Amherst goal early in the third period, the Jr. Redmen took a 6-1 lead on a pretty give and go out of the left corner that saw Conor Cremin bury a one-timer bar down, assist to Brady Chapman.

After a great team meal and whole bunch of laughs on the team walk, the boys were back on the ice to take on the host Natick Comets. Playing their second game in three hours with only nine skaters, the Jr. Redmen came out sluggish but goalie Matthew Calouro made a few big saves to keep the game scoreless early on.

Collin Strong gave the Jr. Redmen a 1-0 lead with 4:07 left in the 1st period when he went end-to-end, firing a wrist shot over the Comets' goalies shoulder. Brady Chapman then scored a pretty short-handed goal to give the Jr. Redmen a 2-0 lead after the 1st period.

Natick cut the lead to 2-1 early in the second period but Andrew Duval scored on a rebound to give the boys a 3-1 lead, assist to James Kierce. Joey Bourgea scored late in the 2nd period on a beautiful cycle play in the offensive zone, assists on the goal going to Matthew Doherty and Matthew Cooke. Brady Chapman scored early in the third period to give the Jr. Redmen a 5-1 lead, assists to Conor Cremin and Nick Calouro. Natick scored late in the game to cut the lead to 5-2 but the Jr. Redmen controlled the final minutes of the game and left the rink knowing they would be back for the Championship Game on Sunday.

Before playing in the Championship Game of the Hoffman Pee Wee Tournament, the Jr. Redmen Pee Wee AAA team skated in a league game against the Wellesley Red Raiders at the Burlington Ice Palace on Sunday morning December 3rd.

The Jr. Redmen took an early 1-0 lead just 2:03 into the game when Conor Cremin scored on a rebound, assists going to Matthew Cooke and Brady Chapman. Cremin gave the Jr. Redmen a two-goal lead just 3:12 later when he scored on the powerplay, assists on his second goal going to Nick Calouro and Brady Chapman. Wellesley went on the attack in the second period but Jr. Redmen goalie Brian Cronin made a series of highlight reel saves to keep the 2-0 lead intact.

Matthew Doherty gave the Jr. Redmen a 3-0 lead midway through the second period when he fired a wrister from the slot into the back of the net, assists to Matthew Cooke and Joey Bourgea. Doherty struck just 2:24 later on another wrist shot from the high slot, assists again going to Bourgea and Cooke. The Jr. Redmen got great defensive play from James Kierce, Cooper Robillard, and Collin Strong to close out the game and secure the 4-0 win for the Jr. Redmen.

The Jr. Redmen Pee Wee AAA Hockey Team headed to Natick to play in the Championship of the Hoffman Pee Wee Tourney against the Natick Comets. Conor Cremin got the scoring started 2:09 into the game as he slid a backhander throught the 5-hole, assists to Brady Chapman and Collin Strong. Nick DiCioccio scored his first of three goals on the day to give the Jr. Redmen a 2-0 lead, assists to Matthew Doherty and Brady Chapman.

Matthew Cooke then made the score 3-0 with just under one minute to play in the first period, assists to Joey Bourgea and Cooper Robillard. Natick had some scoring chances early in the second period but Jr. Redmen goalie Brian Cronin made three huge saves to keep maintain the three-goal lead. Nick DiCioccio scored on the powerplay from the left slot, assists to James Kierce and Brady Chapman, increasing the lead to 4-0.

Jakob Utter made some huge saves late in the second period to keep Natick off the scoreboard. Conor Cremin scored his second goal of the game with just over five minutes to play in the game, assists to Nick DiCioccio and James Kierce.

With time winding down in the game Nick DiCioccio scored his third goal of the game for the Hat Trick, assists to Conor Cremin and Matthew Cooke.

The Jr. Redmen skated off the ice with a convincing 6-1 win and the Championship of the Hoffman Pee Wee Tourney and went to celebrate with their Team Manager Paul Oppedisano.

Wilmington Pee Wee 1 hockey team blanks Nashoba, 6-0

On a cool Saturday morning this past weekend the Wilmington Wildcat PeeWee 1 Hockey team traveled to Lawrence Academy in Groton to play the first place Nashoba Bears. The Wildcats captured their second shutout win in a row with a big 6-0 victory.

Wilmington brought their "A" game and came out strong right from the first puck drop. The Cats scored at 9:26 when Jacob Smith carried the puck deep into the offensive zone and put a sweet pass out front right on the stick of Jonathan Dalton. Dalton made no mistake putting the puck in the net giving the Wildcats a 1-0 lead. Nashoba did pass the puck well but were no threat to the solid Wilmington defensive quartet of Matthew Mozuch, Patrick Mozuch, Charlie Chirichiello, and Jacob Smith. All four played shutdown defense the entire game. The Wildcats received some great goaltending from Luke Tammaro who turned aside every shot put on him. Offensively the Cats played fierce, buzzing the Bears net and also hustling on the backcheck. With 1:12 left to play in the first, Jake McLean put in a nice goal from Dalton to put Wilmington up 2-0.

Second period action saw Nashoba pushing to get some sort of attack going. Wilmington played strong and continued to control the game. The forward line of Brett Ebert, Daniel Lagunilla, and Ryan Hayden worked hard in the corners and put some good shots on net. The Bears' goalie had to make some good saves as the Wildcats kept the pressure on. When called upon, Tammaro made some nice stops to keep the second period scoreless.

The Wildcats came out in the final period with a little bit more pep. At 10:32 Chirichiello brought the puck up, dangled a couple of defenders a made a nice pass to Lagunilla whose rebound was buried by Hayden giving the Cats a 3-0 lead.

Not even two minutes later Ryan Papineau picked up the puck from McLean and lit the lamp with a shot on net that deflected in making it 4-0. 36 seconds later, on the same shift, Papineau chipped a pass up the boards to Dalton who walked in and ripped a hard wrist past the Nashoba goaltender extending Wilmington's lead to 5-0. The Bears tried hard, but the Wildcats defense continued to block shots and make smart plays. The Mozuch brothers worked well together and created some great opportunities. Brett Gallucci played hard, skated hard, and nearly scored on a bouncing puck out front. With 1:23 left to play Bobby Dodge won a draw in the attacking zone to Alex Burns who's shot was just blocked. Dodge picked up the rebound and lifted it over the goalies stick to make it 6-0.

The team effort for the Wildcats was outstanding, with great passing, backchecking and overall smart heads up hockey. All Wildcats players contributed to the big win.

Silva nets 20 to lead Simmons to a victory

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Simmons College senior forward **Presley Silva** had a game high 20 points to help lead the Sharks to a 70-52 win over Anna Maria on Saturday. It was the continuation of what has been a fine season for Silva, who



PRESLEY SILVA

leads the Sharks with 14.2 points and eight rebounds per game on the season.

Worcester State freshman guard **Christina Woods** has already seen her first collegiate action, playing in two games in the early going of the season for the Lancers.

Curry College junior guard **Emily Irwin** had a team high 17 points for the Colonels in a 58-52 loss to Endicott on Saturday. Irwin also chipped in with ten steals, five rebounds and five assists in an outstanding all-around effort.

Irwin is averaging 14.8 points, 7.5 rebounds, 4.6 assists and seven steals per game on the season, leading the 4-4 Colonels in all of these categories.

UMass Lowell sophomore forward **Connor Bennett** and his UMass Lowell teammates are off to a 5-3 start to the season, and Bennett has been a big part of the team's success. Bennett is averaging 20 minutes per game for the Division 1 River Hawks, averaging 7.5 points and 5.1 rebounds per game.

ICE HOCKEY

SUNY Plattsburgh junior forward Cam Owens had a big Thanksgiving weekend for the Cardinals, with a goal and two assists in both games of the PrimeLink Great Northern ShootOut Tournament, leading the Cardinals to the tournament championship with wins over Norwich (4-1 on Friday) and Lawrence (4-2 on Saturday).

Owens effort earned him Tournament MVP honors, as SUNY Plattsburgh captured the tournament title for the sixth time in the 20-year history of the tournament. Those were the first two goals of the season for Owens, who also has 11 assists on the year.

Assumption College senior defenseman **Brian Pickett** picked up an assist in the Greyhounds 4-2 win over Saint Michael's on Saturday night. Pickett has now played in ten of the Greyhounds 11 games on the season, and has one goal and two assists, as well as a +5 plus/minus rating over his past three games.

UMass Dartmouth junior forward **Brendan McDonough** had a goal for the Corsairs in their 6-3 win over Stonehill on Saturday. It was the first goal of the season for McDonough, who had five goals an eight assists last season.

St. Lawrence University senior forward **Michelle Alonardo** is in the midst of wrapping up her very successful career with the Saints, helping them to a 7-6-3 record on the season so far. Alonardo has played in seven of the Saints games on the season.

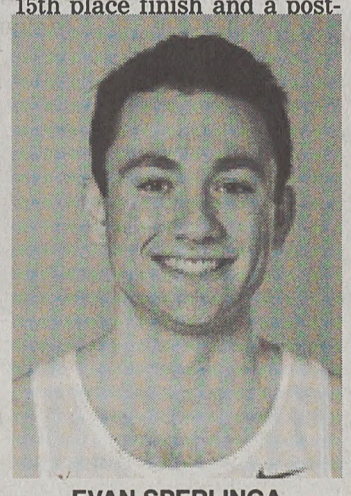
UMass Boston freshman forward **Sarah King** has gotten her collegiate career off to a fast start, with two goals and two assists on the season, and playing in all eleven games for the 4-5-2 Beacons.

After a tough start to the season Stevenson University junior forward **Maddy Ricci** and her Mustangs teammates are suddenly on a roll, having won three games straight by a combined score of 18-1. Ricci, who played in all 26 games for the Mustangs last season has now appeared in seven games this season.

INDOOR TRACK&FIELD

Assumption College sophomore **Evan Sperlinga** earned a fourth place finish in the 60-yard dash in a time of 7.43 seconds at the Smith College Winter Classic on Saturday, the season opening meet for the Greyhounds. Sperlinga also earned a ninth place finish in the 200-meter dash in a time of 24.38 seconds.

Fitchburg State sophomore **Kyle Nelson** got his season off to a strong start with a 15th place finish and a post-


EVAN SPERLINGA

season qualifying mark of 12.92 meters in the shot put at the Sixth Annual UMass Boston Winter Invitational on Saturday afternoon.

Aucoin and Lord graduate from Youth Hockey program

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the end of hockey and all of the lacrosse season, Bobby is back to hockey. At the start of season, the coaches had to remember that stepping onto the ice this year was different from any year previous for Bob. The first step on the ice was worrisome and the first hit was nailbiting but if it wasn't anything but normal to Bobby, we will never quite know. The mentality to overcome Bobby's injury is a toughness that luckily most of us will never need to know.

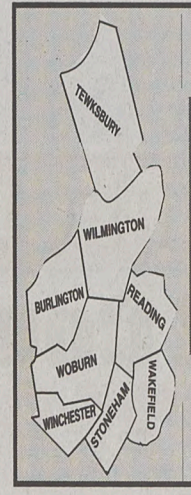
The best part of Bobby's toughness, is his personality. There is never a bad day in Bobby Lord's world. He comes to the rink with a smile, and leaves the rank with a smile whether the game was a win or a loss. That trait is not to be confused with not caring, Bobby cares. His personality allows him to make a joke on the bench one minute and grind out a greasy goal the next minute. It's in his nature.

Bobby and Jarred Aucoin were asked to take a leadership roles on the team and in the locker room, a roll he embraced and exceled at. This year, on the high school team he will be asked to be a goal scorer. Bob is a gifted playmaker, with a knack for scoring.

Like so many, Bob's hockey career began in WYH's buzzer program. Bob's dad Cliff would coach many of Bob's teams winning the Valley League in 2008 and 2009. Bob remembers many a mite and squirt tournaments when the winner of the knee hockey match in the hallway of the hotel was just as important as winning the tournament. He loved those times forming great friendships that stand today.

So many of Bobby's great bonds of friendship will come to fruition this winter as he leads the Wilmington Wildcats on the varsity ice. Bob hopes to reach the State Championship status he reached in his last youth hockey game of his career.

In the Spring, Bob will Captain the WHS lacrosse team. In the fall, Bob is leaning towards attending URI or UNH to take up studies in marketing and/or business. Bob has been blessed to have parents Cliff and Corinne so involved in his career.



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